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Iran agrees to ceasefire in Gulf war

Khomeini withdraws objection to UN terms

By Andrew McEwen and Nicholas Beeston

Hopes that the eight-year Iran-Iraq war is about to end rose yesterday when Tehran suddenly accepted a call by the United Nations Security Council for a ceasefire.

In a move personally approved by Ayatollah Khomeini, Iran unconditionally accepted UN Resolution 598, which demanded that both the parties cease all conflict and withdraw to their borders.

Tehran had held out for almost a year against sustained pressure from the United States, Britain and

other countries to go along with the request.

If Iran and Iraq now implement the ceasefire, eight years of conflict in the Gulf War — which has left at least 360,000 soldiers dead and caused heavy civilian casualties — could end where it began, with both nations' forces back inside their original borders.

Yesterday's move was seen as further evidence of Iran's

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wish to mend fences with a string of countries that have been alienated since the 1979 revolution.

Another sign came yesterday when Canada and Iran announced that their diplomatic relations — frozen for more than eight years — would soon return to normal.

The Canadians will reopen their embassy in Tehran by mid-October, and the two countries plan to exchange ambassadors within a year.

Tehran's acceptance of Resolution 598 came in a letter from President Khomeini to the UN Secretary-General, Mr Javier Pérez de Cuellar, the UN Secretary-General. It said that "... we have decided to officially declare that the Islamic Republic of Iran accepts Security Council Resolution 598."

Hopetown Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, the Speaker of the Iranian Parliament, said on Iranian television that the decision was taken personally by Ayatollah Khomeini, declaring that the move would open a new chapter in Iran's history.

"The Islamic Republic finally made an historic and important decision which, with the Imam's (Khomeini's) decision to accept a ceasefire, will open a new chapter in our history," he said.

The Foreign Office interpreted the letter as an unconditional acceptance of the resolution. It added: "If so... it could be a breakthrough in settling the conflict."

Mr Pérez de Cuellar also saw it as an acceptance with-

out conditions, and said that he had already discussed its implementation with Iran's delegate to the UN, Mr Muhammad Ja'afar Mahalati. He said that Mr Mahalati had given him the news at midnight on Sunday, but the Iranians did not make it public for several hours.

Mr Pérez de Cuellar said that the next step was to set a date to halt the fighting. If he had his way, it would go into effect within hours. But he indicated that this was hardly feasible.

Negotiations with both sides were due to begin last night. "What I think, if I am lucky, (is) I may have a ceasefire in one week or 10 days," he said, adding that he hoped there would be an early exchange of prisoners.

The ceasefire would be observed by an initial monitoring team of about 10 officers drawn from the UN truce supervision organization in the Middle East. Later the numbers would increase, rising to about 250 officers.

Reaction in Baghdad was more cautious, and the Iraqi Government was said to be "studying" Iran's move. A Defence Ministry spokesman said that Tehran still occupied some Iraqi territory and he called for an Iranian withdrawal, "otherwise Iraqi troops will force them to do so".

Mr Latif Nassif al-Jassem, the Information Minister, told the Iraqi news agency, INA, that Iraq was keen to achieve peace according to the principles that had been put forward by President Saddam Hussein on Sunday.

The minister said: "Iraq has no official knowledge of the nature of Iran's message addressed to the UN Secretary-General, and we are still dealing with a news item announced by Radio Tehran only."

But he alleged that the Iranian statement did not stem from a genuine desire to establish real, enduring peace. Rather, "it spoke of reasons and circumstances in a tactical multistage programme."

The British and American governments, which have

Hats off to campaign unity



Campaign partners: Governor Michael Dukakis caps his political success by announcing at a press conference in Atlanta with the Rev Jesse Jackson their agreement to forget past rivalries and combine forces for a Democratic victory. Jackson joins team, page 20.

Unions accuse Rover and BAE of collusion as 4,900 jobs go

By Colin Narborough and Tim Jones

Mr Graham Day, chairman of the Rover Group, announced yesterday that the company is to close two of its plants with the loss of 4,900 jobs because of overcapacity.

The announcement led to union accusations of collusion between the Department of Trade and Industry, British Aerospace and the company.

Mr Bryan Gould, Labour spokesman on trade and industry, made an unsuccessful call in the Commons for an emergency debate.

Mr Gould accused BAE of delaying its final approval of the takeover terms last week to seek permission to begin "asset stripping".

The job losses mean that car assembly at the Cowley South works in Oxford will be phased out between now and the early 1990s and the body pressing plant at Llanelli, Rover's only operation in South Wales, will be closed in one go in 1990 with the loss of all 900 jobs.

Unions claimed the announcement substantiated their "worst fears" that Rover is to be taken out of the volume car industry and replaced by a new model, the R-8, next year, while Montego production will be transferred to the adjacent Cowley North works. Body pressing work from Llanelli will be shifted to Rover's Swindon plant.

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Mr Day said yesterday that the cuts he announced would have been the minimum whoever owned Rover and would "probably have been worse if it had been taken over by a competitor".

The Rover cuts form part of the corporate plan drawn up by Mr Day before the BAE takeover became known with the aim of improving capacity by concentrating production

of small and medium-sized cars at Longbridge, Birmingham, and executive cars at other works in Cowley.

The company said the moves to improve Rover's efficiency were not being forced on it by BAE or Brussels, but were a part of a longer-term strategy.

The phasing out of car assembly at Cowley South Works will begin in 1990 with the axing of 2,500 jobs, plus natural wastage, currently running at about 12 per cent of the workforce a year.

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Mr Day assured that the volume of production, run

WIN £126,000

Portfolio PLUS NEW Accumulator

There was one winner in the daily game yesterday (see page 3). The Portfolio Accumulator fund stands at £126,000. Prices, page 25

INSIDE

Man 'may have raped 30 women'

Everald Irons, aged 24, the "Putney Rapist" jailed for 18 years by the Central Criminal Court yesterday, may have been responsible for up to 30 rapes, police said. They have issued his photograph in the hope that other possible victims will come forward. Detectives believe he could have committed between 25 and 30 rapes, although he was convicted of only six. Page 3

Kremlin rebuff to Armenians

A Kremlin crisis session decided last night that the disputed Transcaucasian region of Nagorno-Karabakh would remain part of Azerbaijan, overruling the demand of the territory's Parliament to join neighbouring Armenia. Page 7

Open winner

Severiano Ballesteros, of Spain, won his third Open Championship at Royal Lytham and St Annes with a last round of 65, the best of the tournament, for a total of 273, two strokes better than Nick Price, of Zimbabwe, who was second. Page 42

Exam results

Degrees awarded by the University of Wales, Bangor, will be published tomorrow. Results from the Universities of Hull and Southampton and more Oxford Class Lists appear today. Page 37

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Heathrow to be used by charters

By Richard Ford Political Correspondent

Charter flights are to be allowed to use Heathrow for the next two months in an emergency government package to ease the air traffic control crisis which has brought misery to thousands of British holidaymakers.

Mr Paul Channon, the Transport Secretary, will announce the moves today in response to demands from Conservative backbenchers and with his political future turning on the need to ease the problem.

But Mr Channon has ruled out any relaxation of night flight restrictions at Heathrow and Gatwick.

Mr Channon also will hold a separate meeting today with Mr Christopher Tugendhat, chairman of the Civil Aviation Authority, and representatives of charter airlines.

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Move to restrict right to jury trial

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Senior officials in the Lord Chancellor's Department are drawing up proposals, to be put to Ministers, for restricting the right to trial by jury.

They believe that the shortage of circuit judges is now so severe that curbing the right of defendants to elect trial by jury is the only way to tackle the growing mismatch between judicial manpower and the Crown Court workload.

The extent of the crisis and the officials' plans are revealed in confidential minutes received by *The Times* of a meeting held earlier this month of the senior officials on the Lord Chancellor's Department management board.

A paper on the crisis before the meeting, drawn up by two of the senior officials, warns that at least 40 new judges — on a conservative estimate — would have to be recruited every year to the present total

Runcie puts price on church's unity

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Editor

The 500 bishops attending the Lambeth Conference at Canterbury were challenged by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, yesterday to choose between unity and fragmentation in the worldwide Anglican Communion.

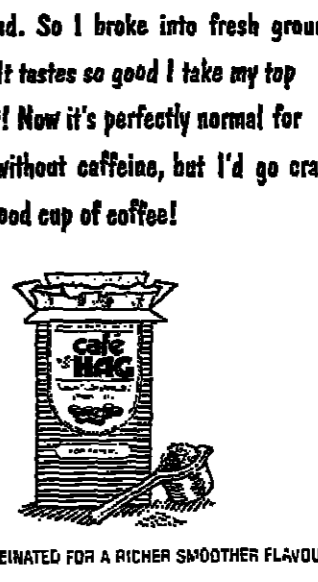
The price of unity, he said, was some loss of autonomy by the Communion's 27 provinces. Some would no longer be able to "go it alone" on such issues as the ordination of women. And he asked them to consider whether a reformed papacy could enhance the unity of all Christians.

Dr Runcie singled out the ordination of women as a "real and serious threat" to Anglican unity. There were dangers whichever way the issue was decided.

The clear implication was that churches such as the Episcopal Church of the United States, which has said it intends to consecrate women as bishops, could, in

SPIKE MILLIGAN'S NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS (7 MONTHS ON)

1. Give up rice pudding in bed. The rice pudding fix at midnight! I was addicted. But I had to kick it. So I kicked the rice pudding and ended up with a soggy sock!
2. Stop being a compulsive nudist. It's not my fault, I was born that way. I even turned up to Secombe's *Investiture* naked in a top hat. How do you get a naked man into a top hat? Ask Paul Daniels.
3. Stop wearing the gas mask. It was hell shoving. And kissing my wife smashed her teeth. Stop wearing it? I can't write a word of my War Memoirs without it.
4. Cut down on caffeine. It sounded impossible but I had to break fresh ground. So I broke into fresh ground *Café Hag*. It tastes so good I take my top hat off to it! Now it's perfectly normal for me to go without caffeine, but I'd go crazy without a good cup of coffee!



NATURALLY DECAFFEINATED FOR A RICHER SMOOTHER FLAVOUR.

Yard drops 89 remaining soccer hooligan cases

By Stewart Tandler

Scotland Yard's undercover operations against London football hooligan gangs ended yesterday in almost total debacle with the announcement that charges are to be dropped in all remaining cases involving a total of 89 defendants.

A senior source blamed the latest collapse on inexperienced officers, insufficient evidence and inept management. Cases were started when the evidence simply was not good enough.

In a statement yesterday the Crown Prosecution Service said the decision had been made because "there was insufficient evidence to afford a realistic prospect of securing convictions". The decision had the full

support of the Metropolitan Police. London police have now lost prosecutions against 120 alleged hooligans after six lengthy, expensive operations. Nine officers are already under investigation by detectives from the Complaints Investigation Bureau after earlier cases collapsed.

The Police Complaints Authority is now being called in to supervise the investigations.

So far none of the provincial police cases using undercover operations involving alleged hooligan gangs in the Midlands and the North has been affected. The three cases dropped yesterday, after talks between the Yard and Mr Allan Green, QC, the Director of Public Prosecutions, were mounted less than three months ago against 17

supporters of West Ham United, 36 of Crystal Palace and 36 of Arsenal.

According to a Yard source the abandonment of the cases has not as yet raised questions of corruption or fabricated evidence but they show weak evidence and a serious lack of supervision by middle-ranking officers ranging from inspectors to superintendents, some of whom could now face a disciplinary inquiry.

Investigators reviewing the three cases which have been withdrawn found that some police logs and statements on observations were undated and untimed. Prosecutors would have had less than the 51 per cent chance of a conviction now required by the Crown Prosecution Service. Senior officers admitted yesterday

they were probably wrong to have used relatively inexperienced uniformed men in undercover operations which might have been better used to gather intelligence rather than evidence. All current undercover operations against alleged hooligan gangs are now being used only to gather intelligence and a review of future policy is under way.

Undercover operations began in the autumn of 1985 against supporters of Chelsea, Millwall, Crystal Palace, Arsenal and West Ham United. By the time the last one was completed in a flourish of publicity this spring, 135 men had been arrested.

Five Chelsea supporters and two Millwall supporters have been convicted and eight defendants acquitted. Some of those convicted will appeal.

NEWS ROUNDUP

Tourism bodies may be sold off

The Government is to consider privatizing the British Tourist Authority and English Tourist Board as part of a far-reaching review of the industry and the support it receives from the taxpayer.

Call for cleaner water

The Princess Royal yesterday called for action on water pollution when opening an international conference on water pollution, research and control at Brighton and said she sometimes wondered whether it was only disasters which got things moving.

Suzuki recall urged

The Consumers' Association is to urge Suzuki, the Japanese vehicle manufacturer, to recall thousands of its four-wheel-drive "jeeps" as a result of safety trials it has performed on the SJ410 and 413 models.

Sex diaries 'burnt'

A model who allegedly burnt her flatmate's diaries because they contained details of their affairs with famous people yesterday denied stealing the diaries and a cassette tape when she appeared at Isleworth Crown Court, west London.

Cadet pilot, 17, killed

A pilot aged 17 was killed yesterday when two light aircraft belonging to the Gloucester and Cheltenham Flying Club collided during a training flight.

Priest wins appeal

Mr David St Clair Tudor, aged 32, the former parish priest of St Philip's, Reigate, Surrey, was cleared of indecent assaults on three schoolgirls by the Court of Appeal yesterday.

Airlines may have to show punctuality records

British airlines could be forced to produce their punctuality records after a week of chaos which has stranded thousands of holidaymakers at airports for two days or more.

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Less than an hour last night, first tried to overcome the problem by having some aircraft loaded with passengers in the hope of a slot coming up.

However, at Gatwick - where 112 flights were delayed more than four hours over the weekend - and at Manchester, 90 per cent of flights operated by Caledonian, the new name of British Airways' charter carrier, got away within an hour of the scheduled time because, it said, of "better forward planning".

Some of the worst delays over the weekend have affected flights from airports which are fully open for night flying - including a Britannia flight from Luton to Malaga due out at 7am on Sunday which was still waiting to leave yesterday afternoon.

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He rejected criticism of the authority, saying it had been the policy of the CAA and the Government in recent years to exert as tight a regulatory control as possible, allowing "financially and technically viable" services to develop according to the needs of the market-place.

Lord King, British Airways' chairman, says in a letter published in The Times today, that criticism of the CAA and Department of Transport over the airports crisis should directed more fairly at their foreign counterparts.

Landing and take-off slots were not the problem at the weekend. Mr Tugendhat pointed out that slots at many airports went unfilled on Sunday because aircraft were stranded elsewhere and the operators did not have spare planes available to take advantage of the slots.

Doubt on payments for delay

By Shona Crawford Poole, Travel Editor

Thousands of holidaymakers will be disappointed in their claims for flight delay compensation.

Yesterday, as airport delays became fewer and shorter, it emerged that those held up by knock-on effects of last week's Greek air traffic dispute, may not be entitled to payment.

Those caught in long delays resulting directly from the Greek air traffic controllers' action will be covered by most travel insurance policies. Where delays were an indirect knock-on effect of that action, for example when aircrew ran out of hours, holidaymakers will not be covered.

Delays resulting from the flow control systems imposed by air traffic controllers will not be covered either. "The number of people affected could be thousands rather than hundreds".

Reports that the past week's holiday chaos will cost the travel industry £5 million were yesterday described as exaggerated. The Association of British Travel Agents estimated that it might be between £2 million and £3 million.

Thomson Holidays, Britain's biggest tour operator, said: "We stopped counting our costs cost on Friday when they topped £1 million".

Booking conditions vary but commonly allow passengers to cancel their holidays with a full refund after a delay of 24 hours or longer.



A Manchester Airport passenger dozing the hours away before his holiday flight (Photograph: Barry Greenwood).

Audit office faces recruitment hitch

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

The National Audit Office, the independent watchdog charged with monitoring the efficiency and effectiveness of public bodies, is having troubles of its own.

The office frequently comments on how staff shortages are impairing the work of government departments but, according to a report yesterday, it too is facing recruitment and retention problems.

The Public Accounts Commission, a group of MPs which oversees the office,

Regiments escape ethnic monitoring

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

The Ministry of Defence has rejected the demand of a Tory-controlled committee of MPs that it should monitor the numbers of blacks and Asians in each regiment or corps.

The all-party Defence committee said in April that such monitoring was vital if allegations of racial discrimination by the more prestigious regiments were to be discounted.

But Mr George Younger, the Secretary of State for Defence, yesterday rejected such monitoring on grounds

Piper Alpha disaster

of practicality and principle.

He defended the present system of monitoring the racial background of all applicants and said assignment to regiments depended on entrants' test results, individual wishes, the number of vacancies, and the geographical allegiances of regiments.

The committee looked into the ethnic composition of the armed forces after claims that blacks and Asians were excluded from the best regiments.

Parkinson urged to release fire report

Trade union leaders will today accuse Mr Cecil Parkinson, the Secretary of State for Energy, of having "something embarrassing or disturbing to hide" if he does not agree to give them, in advance of the public inquiry into the Piper Alpha disaster, the confidential report into the earlier accident on the platform.

Mr Roger Lyons, assistant general secretary of the Manufacturing, Science and Finance Union said yesterday that unless details of the report, which resulted in more than 170 men being moved off the rig were forthcoming, then: "we will ask Mr Parkinson once more to resign".

Further pressure on Mr Parkinson to give union safety representatives a greater say in the North Sea operation came last night when Mr Eric Hammond, leader of the electricians' union, the EETPU, and his union team had a private meeting with the Minister.

Cowley workers expected closure

By Craig Seton

News of the progressive closure of Austin Rover's south works at Cowley, Oxford, was greeted with resignation and little surprise or anger by many of the 4,000 workers whose jobs are under threat.

Although a trade union official at Cowley said the closure would be fought, hourly-paid assembly line workers said they had been expecting the news, even before the British Aerospace takeover.

Many of the workers at the plant, where Maestro and Montego cars are made, heard yesterday's news on the radio before they each received a letter at their workplace from Mr Ivor Lewis, the director of Cowley operations.

He said: "The company wants to achieve the Cowley head count reduction as painlessly as possible. We already know of a lot of people considering early retirement and the addition of plant closure terms will make this option more attractive."

"Additionally, where possible, Cowley employees will be assisted with re-location to take up jobs elsewhere in the company."

Mr Guy Povey, aged 25, who works on the Montego production line, said: "It was on the cards anyway. At least closure is 18 months away. I am not really surprised. Everybody had been expecting it."

Mr John Money, aged 26, said: "It has happened so quickly but I think it was on the cards before the British Aerospace takeover. I don't think anybody is angry."

However, Mr Ivor Braggins, the Transport and General Workers' Union convenor at Cowley, said: "We have been absolutely betrayed. The workforce had been softened up by countless rumours and newspaper leaks about the fate of the plant and he could understand why many of them were resigned to this "kick in the teeth".

Cowley union officials hold an emergency meeting today.

Llanelli, Dyfed, where the unemployment rate is 14.6 per cent, was stunned by the news that the Austin Rover press-gang factory which employs 900 workers, was to close in 1990. Angry workers said displaced men would never find another job and the local council was trying to arrange a meeting with the car company in an attempt to win a reprieve.

Advertisement for deodorants: WHEN YOU CHOOSE A DEODORANT, IS THE SKY THE LIMIT? If your choice is an aerosol deodorant, then the sky, unfortunately, is what will probably suffer. Most aerosols contain a propellant gas which scientists now believe is destroying the ozone layer. If you are concerned about the harmful effect that these aerosols are having on the ozone layer, you may like to consider Speed Stick or Lady Speed Stick as an alternative. Speed Stick and Lady Speed Stick are solid anti-perspirant - deodorants. They don't contain aerosol propellants of any kind, so you know they can't possibly damage the ozone layer. They glide on dry and because they're wide sticks, just a few strokes give you effective, day-long protection. Speed Stick offers a solid protection against wetness and odour. Lady Speed Stick gives a woman that same protection but made gentle, especially for her. So, if you're concerned about aerosols, try the ozone safe alternative. SPEED STICK. LADY SPEED STICK. Safe for you. Safe for the ozone layer. by Mennen

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Advertisement for Armada beacon chain lights tonight. A confusion of dates notwithstanding, England will celebrate the four-hundredth anniversary of the first sighting of the Spanish Armada tonight by lighting a chain of 430 beacons from the Lizard to Berwick-upon-Tweed. Don Baltizar de Zuriga, officer aboard the Armada flagship San Martin, wrote to Philip II: "The 30th at dawn the Armada was near with the land, so we were seen there from, whereupon they made fires and smokes." The good Catholic Spanish were already on the Gregorian calendar by that time but the English were still 11 days behind on the Julian. Mr Bruno Peck, a special events organizer who has coordinated the "Fire Over England" celebrations, said yesterday he felt that, as it was in fact July 19 in England at the time, today was the correct time to stage the anniversary. Señor Don José de la Bellacasa, the Spanish ambassador in London, who does not have a lot to celebrate, has none the less forgotten old differences and has agreed to light the first beacon at Kynance Cove on the Lizard at 10.10 pm tonight. Eighteen minutes later the chain will be completed at Haldon Hill, near Berwick, stopping just short of the Scottish border. There is little historical evidence, at least on the English side, to confirm that a chain of beacons was indeed lit across the country on the first sighting of the Spanish fleet. Nor will the beacons in tonight's chain be entirely visible one from the other; forestry plantations, and much modern building, have obscured ancient sightlines. "You must remember," Mr Peck said yesterday, "that the original beacons were lit during the daytime, and it was not the flames which passed on the message, but the smoke. Smoke climbs high and can be seen for miles."

Advertisement for Rolex: Hard left challenge. The hard left wants to oust two key members of Neil Kinnock's shadow cabinet from Labour's ruling National Executive, according to the men's supporters last night. The pro-Kinnock Labour co-ordinating committee said Mr Bryan Gould, the spokesman on trade and industry and Mr Michael Meacher, the spokesman on employment, topped the hard left's list. In an effort to alert supporters to the danger of losing their seats on the NEC, the committee has sent an emergency mailing to 1,300 activists. It says that a defeat for the two men in the elections held at the party's annual conference would be a blow to the process of modernizing the policy and organisation. INTEREST FREE CREDIT ON ROLEX. Rolex watches are now available on 12 months interest free credit on any of the 100 branches of Goldsmiths, the country's largest daily jeweller. Telephone 0535-547734 (24 hrs) for full details or the address of your nearest Goldsmiths Jeweller. GOLDSMITHS

Baptist was arrested and freed three times during reign of terror

Putney Rapist gets 18-year prison term for series of attacks

By Michael Horswell and Mark Ellis

A man known as the "Putney Rapist", who was jailed for 18 years last night, may have been responsible for up to 30 rapes, detectives said yesterday.

They believe that many women may be too frightened to come forward and have issued his photograph in the hope of persuading them to contact the police.

Everald Irons, aged 24, who is married to a policewoman, was found guilty yesterday of six rapes, an attempted rape and a charge of indecent assault by a jury of eight women and four men at the Central Criminal Court.

The court was told that Irons bound and gagged all but one of his victims after stalking them late at night in south-west London and saying he had a knife.

Mr Justice French said: "You are still a relatively young man. That, allied with the fact that you have never been convicted of offences, is all that can be said in favour of you."

"I have to sentence you for what must and can only be described as a campaign of rape. In my judgement, the very least sentence that it would be proper to impose is 18 years' imprisonment."

Irons was cleared of raping a woman aged 25 as she walked home alone after an argument with her boyfriend on July 5

1986, when she was dragged from a street on to Putney Heath and raped.

All the verdicts were unanimous, except for that of attempted rape, passed by 10 to two.

Irons was arrested three times before his 18-month campaign of terror was halted. On each occasion, he was freed to rape again due to lack of evidence and the collapse of a court case.

He was finally caught after he raped a young woman while his home was under police surveillance. She identified the church-going chief the next day, after his arrest at work in a Post Office canteen.

In August 1986, as a specialist squad of 25 police officers took part in "Operation Optic" so codenamed because the rapist wore distinctive gold-rimmed spectacles, Irons married a "born-again" Christian policewoman at a Baptist wedding attended by members of the Christian Police Association.

His wife, Anne, who works in the youth and community section of the Metropolitan Police in Croydon, south London, stood by Irons during his trial and has been on compassionate leave since his arrest. She denied altering entries in her diary to mislead the jury about his whereabouts on the nights of four rapes.

However, she told the court that on many occasions before and after their marriage, Irons, aged 24, would leave her alone at their flat in Boyd Road, Colliers Wood, to drive her car around the streets of south London late at night on the pretext that he needed "space".

The couple met at Tooting Junction Baptist Church, when she was converted in 1979, and in spite of mutual parental objections and her being three years his senior, they started dating in 1981 and began to talk about marriage two years later.

Irons, an only child, was brought up by his mother in south London and had a strict Baptist childhood. He was remembered as an intelligent, hard-working boy at the Ernest Bevin School in Tooting.

One theory is that he raped as a result of his strict upbringing, because he felt repressed and envious of his freer contemporaries.

Irons committed no rapes on the Sabbath, never indulged in gratuitous violence and always carefully untied his victims afterwards.

The hunt for the Putney Rapist - so named because his victims were all attacked in a relatively small area of south-west London - began after a woman was raped in Streatham in December 1985 by a man fitting Irons's



Two faces of the Putney Rapist: Irons at his wedding to Anne, a policewoman, and on a Metropolitan Police poster.

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RAPE

Police wish to interview a man like this in connection with a series of rapes.

He is black, in his early 20s, 5'11" tall, of a slim athletic build, with close-cropped dark hair and wears tinted glasses. He wears a dark bomber style jacket, jeans and trainers.



Please contact the incident room at
PUTNEY POLICE STATION

All information treated as strictly confidential

Portfolio PLUS NEW Accumulator Winner to take a holiday

The winner of yesterday's portfolio prize of £4,000 was Mrs Anne Houghton, of Ross Court, Stirling.

Mrs Houghton, who works for the National Trust, said she and her husband would probably use the money to take a brief holiday in Scotland before venturing further afield later this year.

She said: "We have had quite a hard time recently and the money has come at a good time."

"I have three children and might give a portion of the money to them, but we will probably use some of our winnings to travel to France."

West London Sky TV base

Sky Television, the satellite television company, is to be based in 60,000 sq ft of office space at a west London business centre. Mr Rupert Murdoch's company is due to complete a deal for the autumn move within days.

Sky Channel, Sky Movies, Sky News and a sports channel plan to begin broadcasts from there next February.

Actor settles

Madhav Sharma, the actor, whose wife, the actress Jenny Seagrove, was granted a decree nisi at the Divorce Court in London last week, yesterday settled out of court a claim for rate arrears when he surrendered himself to magistrates at Highbury, north London.

Benefits 'lost'

Thousands of claimants are losing essential benefits because of chronic staff shortages at the Department of Health and Social Security, the National Union of Civil and Public Servants said yesterday. The department denied the allegation.

Trade appeal

Manila (AFP) - Three Philippine senators said the country must break out of the Cold War syndrome and increase trade with the socialist bloc when they returned from a visit to the Soviet Union.

Drug protest

Kingston (AFP) - Jamaica's Prime Minister, Mr Edward Seaga, has criticized the United States for not doing enough at home to combat drug abuse while putting pressure on other countries to halt production and smuggling.

Civil Servants may be electronic tagging testers

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

The Home Office is evaluating electronic tagging with a view to testing it on volunteer Civil Servants.

They will try out wristlets and ankle tags at home and in the office to see how the devices stand up to daily life, including having a bath or washing up. The Home Office wants to test if the devices do the job now being considered by ministers and are reliable.

Tagging involves fitting offenders with a wristlet or leg band which contains an electronic monitor, so that movements can be tracked through a computer and cuffs-wireless enforced. It is one of the options being considered for a new sentence being discussed in a Green Paper yesterday.

Several firms have been to the Home Office to demonstrate equipment. Marconi Electronic Devices said yesterday it was making electronics for wristlets and anklets for an

American company, CSI, based in Florida. It added that the device had been demonstrated to the Home Office and "that's all that we can say".

The Government believes there is scope for reducing the use of imprisonment by introducing a form of punishment which leaves the offender in the community but has components which embody deprivation of liberty; action to reduce the risk of offending; and recompense to the victim and public. The range of requirements under the new scheme could include many features already available. Legislation might be introduced which would enable any or all of these elements to be combined in a single supervisory order.

The terms could include: compensation to the victim; community service; residence at an approved place such as a hostel; prescribed activities at a day centre or elsewhere;

curfew or house arrest; tracking an offender's whereabouts; staying away from particular places.

The aim of the order would be to make a sharp initial impact on offenders but perhaps allow them to progress to less rigorous forms of supervision, subject to good behaviour and under judicial supervision.

The Government would want some judicial oversight by a magistrate over the sentence until it was completed. He or she would be able to vary the order, either relaxing the requirements if good progress was made or, if necessary, reimposing requirements if the offender's response worsened, without actually breaching the order.

The Green Paper says: "This arrangement would have the advantage of keeping the magistrates in touch with an offender's subsequent behaviour".

Sanctions for failing to meet the

requirements of an order might, depending on the seriousness of the offence, be a fine, imposing a curfew, or revoking the order and resentencing the offender for the original offence to a term of imprisonment.

No victim, however, should feel under any obligation to take part in arrangements for reparation. Nor should a victim's decision on reparation affect the court's decision in sentencing the offender.

Mrs Ann Taylor, Shadow Home Affairs Minister, strongly criticized the proposal to introduce curfews and electronic tagging. "Experience in the United States has shown that in practice it has rarely been used as an alternative to prison. It is expensive, difficult to run and has caused serious problems for the families of those tagged."

Punishment, Custody and the Community (Stationery Office: £3.60)

Parents can be named after wardship hearing

Parents who gave evidence in private about the sexual abuse of their children, who were also forced to drink the blood of humans and sheep during "satanic orgies", should be named, the Court of Appeal said yesterday.

Fifteen people named in wardship proceedings when Nottingham County Council sought adoption orders for 17 children now face prosecution, as evidence will be passed to police and the Crown Prosecution Service.

Some of the parents were appealing against a decision by Mrs Justice Booth, made during a private hearing in Nottingham two weeks ago, that her findings should be made public. They claimed it would inhibit the frankness of evidence given in private.

However, yesterday, Sir Stephen Brown, president of the High Court Family Division, sitting with Lord Justice Neill and Lord Justice Taylor, accepted Mrs Justice Booth's view that public interest outweighed confidentiality in this case. They should be prevented from involving other children in their "satanic" practices, Sir Stephen said.

"It was alleged that over a considerable period of time these children of varying ages had been subjected to gross sexual abuse at the hands of adults, sometimes at parties where full intercourse had taken place."

Property boom slows in South-east Mortgage rise to dampen price spiral

By Christopher Waxman, Property Correspondent

Higher mortgage rates, implemented after yesterday's rise in bank base rates, will emphasize a trend towards lower house price increases in the coming months, the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors said yesterday.

Building societies are expected to put up their rates in the next few days by 1.5 to 2 per cent, taking effect from August 1. Such an increase would add about £73 a month to the average £50,000 mortgage in London.

Mr Peter Miller, of the surveyors' institution, said the higher bank rate announced yesterday confirmed trends

his organization had predicted. However, people were "more used to interest rate fluctuations", he said, adding that they would not have a serious impact on the market.

In its latest national survey, the RICS reported a quieter market in London and the South-east, while the property boom continued elsewhere.

The August clampdown on multiple mortgage tax relief is partly responsible for the situation in London, where potential buyers realize they cannot beat the deadline.

Throughout the rest of England and Wales, agents reported a strong seller's market.

Shortages of property, particularly in the upper and middle ranges, are fuelling rises and an increase in gazumping.

The institution says first-time buyers in many areas are experiencing problems in climbing the housing ladder as accelerating prices swamp England and Wales.

Mr Miller said the slowing-down of the market in London and the South-east was the result of the change in mortgage tax relief and rate rises.

"In other areas the shortage of property coupled with strong demand is thrusting prices upwards. However, I expect a slowing of the market

towards the end of the year if the current trend in the South-east continues."

Of the 180 estate agents contributing to the survey, more than half reported price increases above 8 per cent during the quarter to the end of June. In particular, Wales showed "amazing rises", with more than 90 per cent of agents reporting increases above 8 per cent.

Private housing starts in Britain totalled 60,800 in the second quarter of 1988, an increase of 22 per cent compared with the same period last year, the National House-Building Council announced.

10 university science units 'facing axe'

By Douglas Broom, Education Reporter

Up to 10 universities could be told to stop teaching science and become "centres of the liberal arts", Sir Mark Richmond, chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, said yesterday.

Sir Mark, vice-chancellor of Manchester University, predicted that a review of physics and chemistry teaching, being carried out by the University Grants Committee, could result in science departments at between five and 10 universities being axed.

He said he was broadly in favour of the idea of concentrating the teaching of particular subjects in "centres of excellence" at a time when government funding to higher education was falling and

costs were rising.

Interviewed on the BBC World Service, Sir Mark declined to name the institutions which he believed might be at risk from the review.

The UGC, responsible for distributing the £1.5 billion, said it was far too early to talk of closing departments.

"These two reviews are still working and we do not expect even their interim views until September.

The inquiries into the teaching of Physics and Chemistry are part of a programme of in-depth subject reviews begun in response to Government pressure for measures to ensure that money was being spent effectively.

The first review, of Earth Sciences, reported last year.

Family court will 'save taxpayers millions'

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Millions of pounds of taxpayers' money will be saved if a family court is established, a report says.

The report, published yesterday by the Family Courts Campaign, says possible savings on existing costs range from £24 million to more than £30 million, against an estimated outlay of £15 million.

At present, family breakdowns are dealt with by the courts in an unnecessarily painful way, the report says. Reform could dramatically reduce the human cost of such breakdowns and lead to a cheaper system all round.

Mr Peter Riches, co-ordinator of the Family Courts Campaign, said: "The report shows that there is no financial excuse for not in-

roducing a family court".

Recent events in Cleveland had shown the need for a better court system.

Among reforms the study says could cut costs by millions of pounds are:

- A family court reconciliation service to by-pass the need for costly legal aid, saving between £6.9 million and £9.2 million.
- Specialization would mean a reduction in wardship and possible savings of up to £7.5 million.
- The use of different procedures and comprehensive welfare service would save nearly £10 million.

Family Courts - The Price is Right (Family Courts Campaign, Eaton House, 66 Eaton Square, London SW1).

How 40 winks helps combat stress

By Ronald Farr

A catnap at work helps anyone doing a stressful job, American experimental psychologists say. Such work might be coping with a nuclear power plant alert, launching a man into space or fighting a forest fire, according to the researchers from Pennsylvania State University School of Medicine.

The team, which has been investigating the relationship between work and sleep, subjected 41 adults to tests during a 56-hour period when they were allowed only a two-hour catnap.

The psychiatrists' report says that sleep loss and chronological variants in behaviour are taking on greater importance as two of the most pervasive limiters of human capability. That importance grows as work increasingly is done around the clock by more workers in government and private industry, especially those in health and safety jobs.

The researchers found that taking 40 winks held promise as an answer to fatigue or, as the report put it, "real world quasi-continuous work scenarios". It

adds, however: "There appears to be no substitute for sleep itself".

The study showed that while a nap benefited a worker's visual reaction time it did not necessarily improve mood. Workers who began a catnap in a bad mood were likely to feel the same when they woke up.

The Benefits of a Nap During Prolonged Work and Wakefulness (Taylor & Francis Ltd, Rankin Road, Basingstoke, Hants; by subscription).

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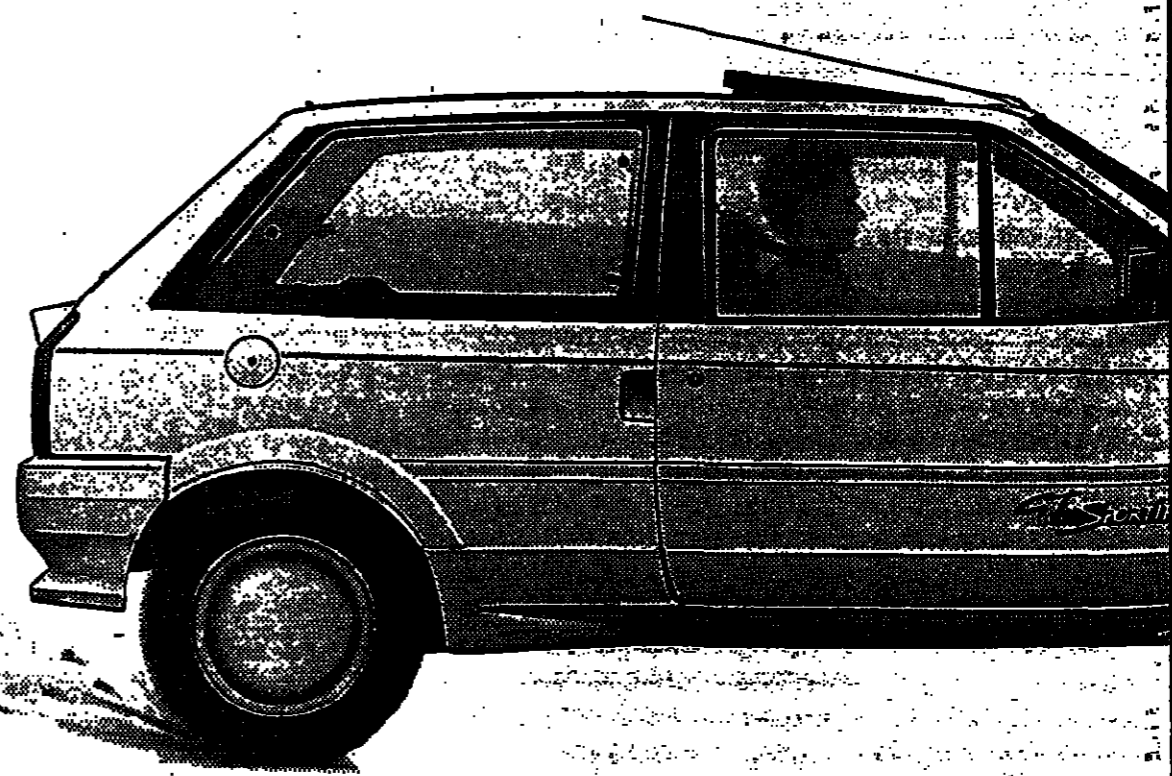
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Lambeth Conference: Runcie makes declaration of interdependence

Anglicans must be instrument of unity in a divided world

This is the partial text of the keynote address delivered on the first full day of the Lambeth Conference by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie:

I have had to say with some vigour to the British press of late that the Anglican Communion is not about to dissolve. And to the Church of England Synod that it is a little early to be taking the covers off the lifeboat and abandoning ship.

I want to say, too, that we must never make the survival of the Anglican Communion and end in itself. The churches of the Anglican Communion have never claimed to be more than a part of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. Anglicanism, as a separate denomination, has a radically provisional character which we must never allow to be obscured.

There are real and serious threats to our unity and Communion and I do not underestimate them. Some of them are the result of Gospel insights: for example the proper dignity of women in a Christian society.

I hope it will not dominate this conference, but we need to recognize that our unity is threatened over the ordination of women to the priesthood and episcopate in whatever we ultimately decide to do.

There are dangers to our Communion in this Lambeth Conference endorsing or failing to endorse such developments. There are equal dangers to Communion by trying to avoid the issue altogether.

Such conflict is particularly painful, because the glue which binds us together is not so much juridical, but personal, informal and expressed in worship.

An impairment of Communion for Anglicans is not essentially about Canon Law

● To put it in stark simple terms: do we really want unity ●

but at the much deeper personal level of sharing in the eucharistic worship of the Holy Trinity. So we tend to shy away from a conflict which has such destructive potential. This is, of course, a serious mistake.

The problem that confronts us as Anglicans arises not from conflict over the ordination of women as such, as from the relationship of independent provinces with each other. Although we have machinery for dealing with problems within a diocese and within a province, we have few for those which exist within the Communion as a whole.

Another reason for looking critically at the notion of the absolute independence of provinces arises from our ecumenical dialogue with worldwide Communion. These require decision and action at more than provincial level.

Our own experience as a world communion also teaches us to be important of a global perspective at a time when political concern for "national security" often militate against international co-operation and diminish the significance of world organizations such as the United Nations.

It can be put this way: are we being called through events and their theological interpretation to move from interdependence to interdependence? If we answer yes, then we cannot dodge the question of how this is to be given "flesh": how is our interdependence articulated and made effective; how is it to be structured?

Without losing a proper but perhaps modified provincial autonomy this will probably mean a critical examination of the notion of

"dispersed authority." We need to have confidence that authority is not dispersed to the point of disillusion and ineffectiveness.

Let me put it in starkly simple terms: do we really want unity within the Anglican Communion? Is our worldwide family of Christian worth bonding together. Or is our paramount concern the preservation of promotion of that particular expression of Anglicanism which has developed within the culture of our own province?

Would it not be easier and more realistic to work towards exclusively European, or North American, or African, or Pacific forms of Anglicanism? Yes it might. Cultural adaptation would be

attended Sharing of Ministries abroad, which is powerful in charismatic enthusiasm and remains eager to be loyally Anglican. I applaud their loyalty to our Communion and their longing for the renewal of the whole church on the freshness of faith.

There are many groups like them, in all the churches, who are in revolt against cerebral institutional religion — and to be frank against some of the ingredients of this lecture and my recipe for unity. They feel themselves already one in the Holy Spirit.

For full ecclesial Communion, for the fullness of this unity we seek, this existing unity requires development and embodiment. This brings us inevitably to the structures which will serve both the unity and diversity of the church.

One such instrument of unity is the historic episcopate. But here Anglicans have to be careful to commend episcopacy without the negative overtones, which Christians of non-episcopal churches have so often heard.

Another instrument of unity is the Council or Synod. From the beginning of the church it has been necessary to come together for conference, debate and decision. Here I am particularly anxious that we listen to the voice of the orthodox churches for whom the synods and councils have such an important place.

If we still have some things to learn about synodical government I also believe we have something to give to the Church of Rome. For me the major criticism of Arcic (the Anglican Roman Catholic International Commission) must be its lack of emphasis on the role of the laity in the decision-making of the church.

To bishops and councils I would also want to add primacy. Arcic puts before Anglicans the question of an episcopal primacy in the universal church: an instrument of unity we have been lacking since Henry VIII's juridical break with Rome in the sixteenth century.

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different from the kind of sovereignty which has been exercised by the Pope for many years. But could not all Christians come to reconsider the kind of primacy exercised within the early church, a "presiding in love" for the sake of the unity of the churches?

In serving the Gospel and thus the unity of the church, bishops, synods and primacy are structures in radical need of reform and renewal.

We must beware of an ecumenical idealism which prefers to wait around until episcopacy, synods or popes are exactly as we would have them. Renewal then, would become an excuse for inaction, a retreat from committing ourselves to each other as we are.

It would be like a perpetual engagement in which marriage was forever being postponed until the partners were perfect. No, the way to perfect your partner is to enter a new, more intimate relationship so that mutual change comes by intrinsic desire.

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Before this conference I



The Archbishop of Canterbury (centre) at the start of discussions on Afro-Anglican questions with (from left) Bishop Cornelius Wilson, from Costa Rica; Bishop John Walker, from Washington, US; Bishop Jonathan Siyachitema, from Lamdi, Central Africa; and Bishop Yohana Makasa, from Uganda.

Wives criticize talk of church decay and decline

By Ruth Glodhill

Mrs Rosalind Runcie, the wife of the Archbishop of Canterbury, called yesterday for "solidarity" against people who say the Church of England is "falling into decay".

Mrs Runcie, who opened the Lambeth Wives' Conference, said: "I do not believe it when I read that numbers are declining in the Church."

"There is a silent majority in the church which believes in what is going on and does not start picking holes in everything."

More than 400 bishops' wives from

74 countries met at St Edmund's Church of England School, the site of the Wives' Conference, which one bishop said would be "more interesting" than the Lambeth Conference just yards away at the University of Kent.

The wives have organized their own conference to coincide with that of their husbands for the first time. Mrs Hazel Treadgold, chairwoman of the steering committee and the wife of Canon John Treadgold, chaplain to the Queen, said:

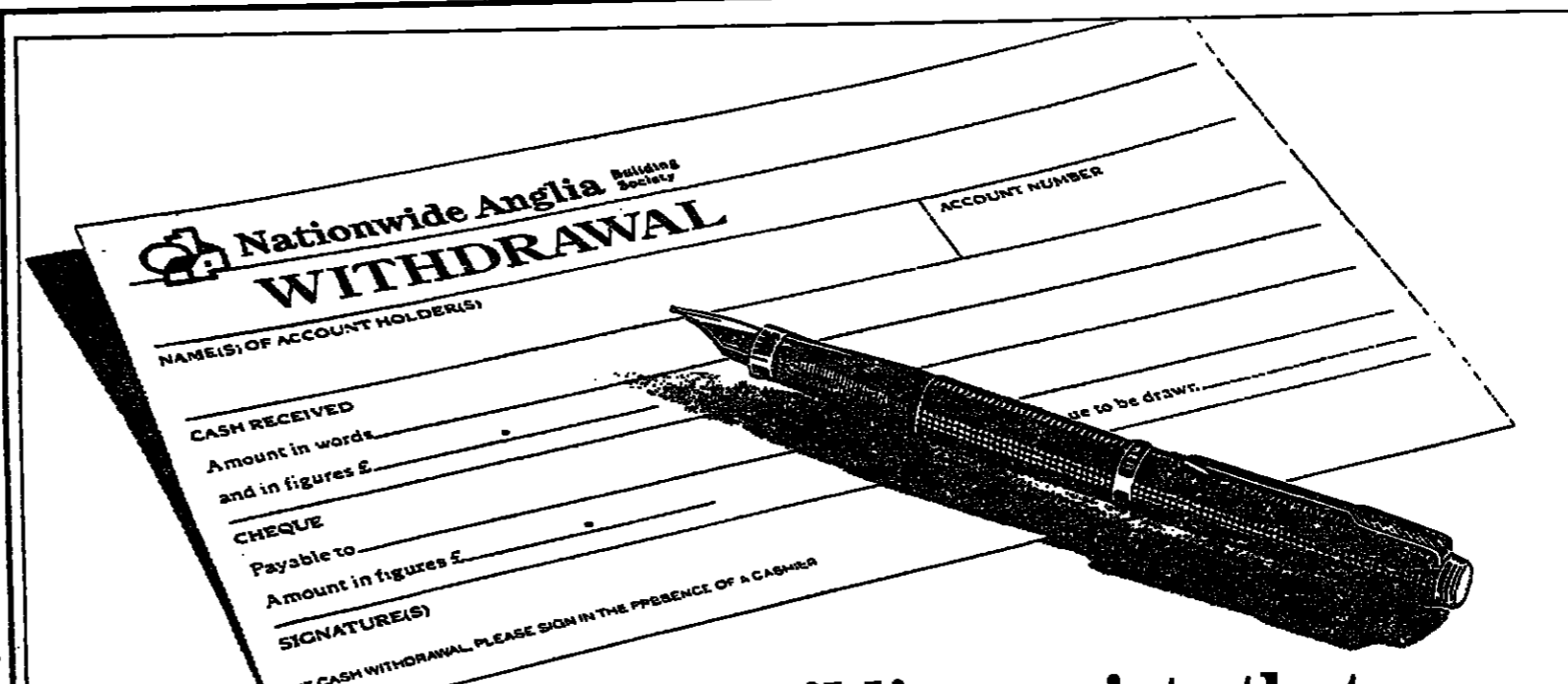
A less formal 10-day conference

was organized at the last Lambeth Conference 10 years ago, but before that the wives were "left to their own devices".

The wives' conference reflects the growing input by women to church affairs. Also for the first time, women at Lambeth will make a presentation to the bishops. The wives include six doctors, 62 teachers, 30 nurses, medical auxiliaries and social workers, four professional musicians, two journalists, an architect and a beauty consultant. They will discuss subjects which include in-vitro fertilization,

family planning and Aids. Mrs Runcie, a professional musician, speaking after the morning meeting, said: "We want to get to know one another. It is difficult for a lot of us to travel around. This is the ideal opportunity to see each other. There is a tremendous atmosphere here. It is a good mixture of professional wives and wives who do not go out to work."

She welcomed the wives, many of whom do not speak English, in French, Japanese, Swahili and Spanish.



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SALEROOM

by Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

A sombre picture of a schoolroom — with patient teacher, sweating boy and a sulking girl — fetched a record price for a watercolour by the Victorian artist, Helen Allingham, at Phillips London yesterday when it sold for £39,600, four times its estimate.

Mrs Allingham's "Lessons" outstripped her previous record by £13,000 and was bought by a London dealer.

Phillips's sale of Victorian drawings, watercolours and miniatures did extremely well, with only 4 per cent unsold.

Other outstanding prices included £9,350 (estimate £1,500 to £2,500) for a pastel by Cecil Aldin of "A Bay Hunter and Two Hounds" and £9,350 (estimate £250 to £500) for three oval miniature paintings of tiny gentlemen with powdered hair.

It was topical, in the wake of the Anastasia television serial, that a Fabergé item connected with her should come out top at Sotheby's portrait miniatures sale in London yesterday.

It was an Imperial silver-gilt and enamel cigarette box showing an elegant profile of the Empress Alexandra Feodorovna, Anastasia's mother, who was shot with the rest of her family by the Bolsheviks in 1918.

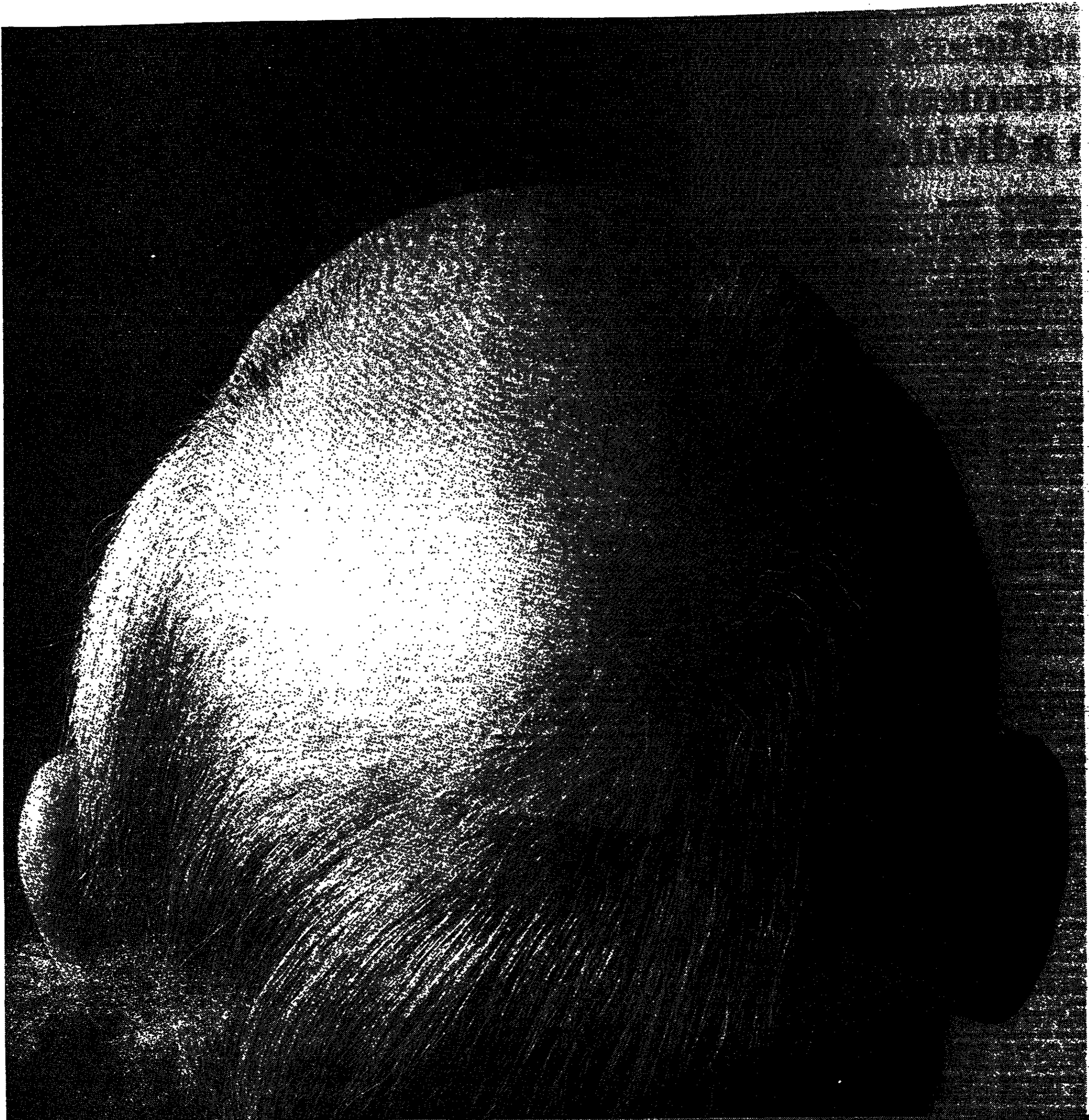
The case, estimated at up to £60,000, was bought for £82,500 by a private buyer. The case had been made in

St Petersburg around 1910 by Heinrich Wigstrom, and although there is no proof of to whom the Empress presented it, Sotheby's was not above speculating.

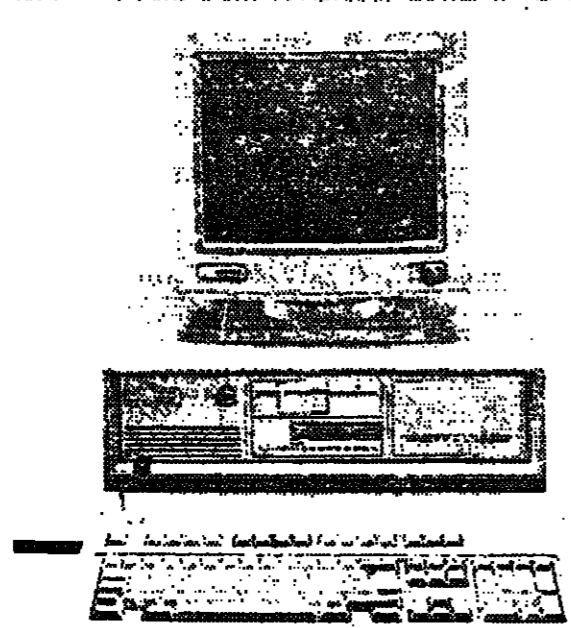
Possibly a courtier or a member of the family, it said, or even the Emperor himself, due to the accurate auburn colouring of her hair.

Christie's South Kensington had a pleasant surprise on Saturday at its garden furniture sale, when a nineteenth century marble fireplace estimated at £7,000 to £9,000, sold for £37,400.

The best price at Sotheby's weekend sale of motorcycles at the Brooklands Museum, Weybridge, was £13,200 (within estimate) for a 1953 Vincent Black Shadow, described by experts as having "mystique and charisma".



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Armenian claims to Nagorno-Karabakh founder at Kremlin

From A Correspondent, Moscow

As thousands of Armenians returned to work after a two-week strike, the focus of their dispute with neighbouring Azerbaijan shifted to Moscow yesterday when a top-level meeting of Kremlin officials appeared to reject pleas for the disputed territory of Nagorno-Karabakh to become part of Armenia.

Parliamentary leaders of the two republics clashed at the meeting of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, the highest state body.

Mr Grant Voskanyan of Armenia demanded self-determination for Nagorno-Karabakh, where the majority Armenian population has waged a five-month struggle to free itself from Azerbaijani administration.

But Mr Suleiman Tatliyev of Azerbaijan accused Nagorno-Karabakh of "total insubordination" and declared that the region, ruled by Azerbaijan since 1923, had no justifiable grounds for an administrative transfer.

Tass later reported Mr Voskanyan as saying that adopting a draft resolution "could bring pain and disappointment to the Armenian

people... in all probability and to our great disappointment, we have been unable to convey to members of the Presidium the acuteness and tragedy of the situation in Armenia and Nagorno-Karabakh". At least 36 people have died in the ethnic unrest.

Earlier the Communist Party chief of Nagorno-Karabakh, Mr Genrikh Pogosyan, told the meeting: "In a socialist state it is impermissible for one nation to decide the fate of another. The fate of Nagorno-Karabakh can only be decided by the Nagorno-Karabakh people themselves."

Mr Voskanyan and Mr Tatliyev led 10-member delegations to the Presidium talks, opened by President Gromyko with a call for legal measures to satisfy both sides.

"The search for a correct solution must be carried out within the framework of the Soviet Constitution, socialist values and mutual respect for the opinions, traditions and national dignity of every people," Mr Gromyko said.

But Mr Voskanyan responded by charging that Nagorno-Karabakh had suffered economically under Azerba-

jani administration, with violations of the national rights and dignity of Armenians there.

Ethnic Armenians form 75 per cent of Nagorno-Karabakh's population. Last week the region's governing soviet posed an unprecedented challenge to Kremlin rule by declaring that the small enclave was seceding from Azerbaijan to join Armenia.

Nagorno-Karabakh workers downed tools in mid-May, and local journalists said yesterday that the strike was continuing there despite a return to work in the Armenian capital, Yerevan.

The return to work, announced at a mass rally of some 300,000 people in Yerevan at the weekend, was described by activists as a "tactical move" aimed at gaining Kremlin support ahead of the Presidium session.

The Moscow meeting was being attended by Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, for whom the Nagorno-Karabakh issue has become a thorn in the side of his glasnost policies. Opponents point to the unrest as an argument for clamping down on openness and democracy.

Runaway two-year-old survives five days in the Outback



Eric Taylor, aged two, hugging his mother when they were reunited, left, after he had vanished from his home and wandered for five days in the Australian bush.

The boy, wearing only a disposable nappy and a vest, faced the threat of being killed by wild pigs, crocodiles or snakes. But he survived against all the odds by eating insects and sucking wet leaves (Christopher Morris writes).

He was found by search teams near Cooktown, in north Queensland, covered in grass and suffering from dehydration. He had walked or crawled 12 miles and had endured storms and chilly nights.

Police Sergeant Ken Salmon said: "There was a python five metres long lying across the track near where he was found. I've seen these snakes big enough to swallow a wallaby. The area is also full of wild pigs that would easily kill a small boy."

Slovene anger as military court tries journalists

From Dassa Trevisan Belgrade

Three journalists and a soldier accused of possessing and disseminating military secrets appeared before a military court in Ljubljana yesterday in a closed trial which has triggered a wave of protest in the Yugoslav republic of Slovenia.

The case of Ivan Jansa, David Tasic and Franci Zavrl, writers and editors of the controversial youth magazine *Mladina*, and Sergeant-Major Ivan

Borstner, was heard by a panel of five military judges. If found guilty they could be sentenced to up to 15 years imprisonment.

The case stems from a *Mladina* report that the Yugoslav Army was planning to crush liberal trends in Slovenia, Yugoslavia's most prosperous and Westernized republic.

Requests by the accused for civilian lawyers and a public trial have been dismissed by the military judges on the ground that the case concerns military secrets.

Since the arrest in early June of the journalists and the sergeant a wave of protest has swept Slovenia. The Army has been accused of starting the proceedings as a revenge for the magazine's critical articles about the privileges of the military establishment, about Yugoslav arms sales, and about alleged plans for a military intervention to suppress liberal trends in Slovenia.

Mr Igor Bavcar, a leader of the human rights committee set up on behalf of the four men, said that the

public was briefly admitted into the court room before the trial was declared closed.

More than 70,000 people and 500 organizations in Slovenia have signed petitions calling for the release of the men.

Public polls have revealed that the majority of Slovenes believe that the military secrets were "planted" and that the trial itself was intended to silence all those who questioned the Army's political role or push for democratization.

US espionage inquiry

Former Navy man given asylum by the Soviet Union

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

A former enlisted man in the US Navy who could provide valuable information to the Soviet Union has turned up in Moscow and been given political asylum. He disappeared two years ago and had special intelligence clearances.

The FBI in Washington identified him as Glenn Michael Souther, in his 30s, who vanished in May 1986, shortly after graduating in Russian from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia.

Investigative sources said he had asked for asylum because "he had to hide from the US special services, which were pursuing him groundlessly". The article did not say how long he had been in Moscow.

FBI and Navy officials are worried by Souther's disappearance because he had access to satellite photographic data while on duty with the Sixth Fleet in Italy in the early 1980s. While attending university he had been assigned as an active reservist to the Naval Intelligence Centre in Norfolk.

He disappeared soon after being questioned by FBI counterintelligence agents. Investigators know that he has since visited his mother in Illinois and used a one-way ticket to Rome, the home of his son and former wife.

US intelligence officials said Souther had been questioned on suspicion of espionage, but he had not been caught in the act and therefore had not been held. It is suspected that he entered the Soviet bloc soon after disappearing.

Souther joined the Navy in 1975 and left active duty in late 1982 with the rank of photographer's mate. After his

disappearance, FBI agents questioned all his teachers, friends and acquaintances. One former girlfriend recalled that he always seemed to have plenty of money. He had wanted to become a Navy officer but was turned down as an officer candidate.

Suspicion about his activities came in the wake of a spy scandal involving John Walker, a former Navy man, and some of his relatives, as well as the defection of Edward Lee Howard, a former CIA agent. Howard also disappeared and showed up in Moscow in August, 1986.

Howard had been due to become an undercover member of the CIA in Moscow but was dismissed after a polygraph showed deception, drinking, drug use, petty theft and other signs of instability.

The FBI said an espionage investigation was under way. One official speculated that the Soviet announcement of Souther's arrival in Moscow had been delayed until after a full debriefing.

Teachers described Souther as intelligent but undisciplined. Mr Leonid Mihalap, his Russian professor, said he "was kind of an overgrown delinquent, always horsing around". He recalled that Souther had been suspended for a term at university for an incident in which he bit a young woman on the neck.

Even so, Souther was a good Russian student who had been selected as a member of the university's Slavic Studies honour society. The professor was glad to hear Souther was alive, but surprised to hear that his former student had ended up in the Soviet Union. "My impression was that he loved the Navy and wanted to become an officer," he added.

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Transvaal paper breaks ranks on 70th birthday of jailed ANC leader

Afrikaner appeal for release of Mandela

From Michael Hornsby Johannesburg

A government-supporting Afrikaans newspaper yesterday made an unprecedented appeal to the Government to release from jail Nelson Mandela, the leader of the outlawed African National Congress.

The appeal came against a background of worldwide calls for the freeing of Mandela, who celebrated his 70th birthday in Pollsmoor prison outside Cape Town yesterday. The ANC leader was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1964 on charges of sabotage and high treason.

The Transvaal morning news-

paper, Beeld, argued in a leading article that "a jailed Mandela is worth more to the ANC's propaganda war than a free Mandela". If released, he would find it "difficult to maintain the image of a living legend that he has acquired. If a more suitable time for his release is awaited, we can state now that that time will never come... Do we really want to imprint into our history that we let an old man die in jail while there was an opportunity to negotiate with him on the aspirations of his people? That, perhaps, is the most pressing question that has to be answered."

The Beeld article was the most

outspoken appeal for the unconditional release of Mandela ever to have been uttered from within the ranks of the Afrikaner establishment.

President Botha offered to release Mandela three years ago, provided that he gave a prior undertaking to renounce the use of violence as a means of achieving political goals. But Mandela has refused to accept that condition unless the Government abolishes all apartheid laws and all restrictions on political activity.

At a press conference in Johannesburg Mrs Winnie Mandela, the wife of the ANC leader,

said she saw little hope of her husband's release in the near future. Given the Government's current mood, it was "not on the cards in the next few years".

Speaking in front of a huge wall-hanging bearing Mandela's portrait and the legend "The nation salutes you", Mrs Mandela thanked foreign countries for their show of support for her husband, and then joined in dancing and the singing of freedom songs with young black supporters.

Asked why black groups here had not tried to stage some more spectacular demonstrations to mark Mandela's birthday, such as a

national "stayaway" from work, Mrs Mandela replied: "Not even the (Mandela) family would have welcomed that sort of gesture from the country, which would have exposed the innocent masses to harassment."

Outside Cape Town about 800 people, mainly blacks, defied state of emergency regulations to attend a church service honouring Mandela in the black township of Langa. The gathering was addressed by Dr Allan Boesak, an opponent of the Government who heads the mixed-race section of the Dutch Reformed Church.

There was commotion in the

church as anti-riot police gathered at the entrance. "I let them stand at the doors and let them hear that Nelson Mandela will come out of prison to lead the people. Let them hear what we are saying today," Dr Boesak cried. "What is it that makes the Government so afraid of a man who is 70 years old and still in jail after 25 years?"

Diplomats from the United States, Britain, Canada, The Netherlands, Greece and Switzerland attended the service, which was punctuated by shouts of "Viva Mandela" from the congregation.

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Moscow offers pre-talks look at forces

Moscow (Reuter) - The Soviet Union yesterday offered to provide the West with details of its force strength and weaponry in Eastern Europe and then allow inspection before negotiations on conventional arms cuts begin.

The proposal, made at a Moscow news conference by Mr Viktor Karpov, the Foreign Ministry arms control chief, was the latest in a series, from the East bloc over the past week, apparently aimed at breaking a log-jam in the Vienna talks on the issue.

A summit meeting in Poland of the Warsaw Pact military alliance last weekend offered to exchange military information before the start of negotiations and then allow the data provided to be checked by both sides after they begin.

At the news conference, called to discuss the two-day summit in Warsaw, Mr Karpov said a proposal by Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, in a speech to the Polish Parliament on July 11, to remove Soviet aircraft from Eastern Europe, in exchange for withdrawal from the West of 72 American F16 ground attack fighters, had been put formally to Washington and Rome.

The F16s, currently based in Spain, are to be transferred to Italy by 1991, Signor Giulio Andreotti, the Italian Foreign Minister, said on Saturday that the Soviet proposal would still leave imbalances.

Mr Gorbachev also suggested the calling of an all-European summit conference to launch the negotiations on reductions in conventional forces, to cover the entire continent.

And he proposed the setting up of an East-West centre aimed at reducing the risk of war and at increasing mutual confidence.

Athens - The response from the Warsaw Pact summit to the Moscow Communist Party conference has so heartened EEC foreign ministers that they have reaffirmed their resolve to "strive for a dynamic development of East-West relations". At their one-day political co-operation meeting in Athens yesterday, they accepted a proposal by Mr Leo Tindemans, the Belgian External Relations Minister, that their next informal get-together, in October, should be devoted to East-West relations (Mario Modiano writes).

"We feel that something is moving on the other side of the great divide, and it is moving in the right direction," said a Belgian diplomat. However, remaining issues, especially in the field of human rights, should be eliminated speedily.

military confidence-building between the two blocs. Mr Ivan Aboimov, the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, said the proposals had the support of the Warsaw Pact. Leaders of the seven-member alliance themselves offered to hold separate talks on so-called dual-capable delivery systems.

Dual-capable missiles which Mr Karpov said yesterday accounted for 60 to 70 per cent of the short-range weaponry held by the Pact and Nato in Europe, can deliver either nuclear or conventional warheads.

"So if we are to discuss conventional reductions in Europe seriously, we cannot ignore these arms and they must be made a subject of the negotiations," the Soviet arms control chief declared.

The Pact proposal for separate talks on tactical nuclear weaponry and nuclear warheads for both types of missiles was apparently aimed at removing one obstacle to final agreement in Vienna on the mandate for the full-scale negotiations.

Most members of Nato are opposed to including any nuclear weaponry in the agenda, and are also reluctant to agree immediately to separate talks on short-range nuclear missiles.

Party-going takes priority over party issues at convention

From Charles Bremner, Atlanta

Which party? For many of the 35,000 delegates, staff, lobbyists and newsmen in Atlanta the question has been an agonizing one. Get invited to the right soiree and your career could be in the bag.

Seeing and being seen with the movers and shakers is, for many, the top priority. For them the scripted television spectacular of the convention takes second place to the very serious war of the parties. They are ignoring one of Lyndon Johnson's favourite dictums: "Dance with the one that brings ya."

For the past three days, Atlanta has resounded to the rhythm of Dixieland bands, the clink of glasses and the slapping of backs as the cast of characters - from big-league TV "anchors" to Arkansas state legislators - have done their respective rounds.

The biggest party-givers are the editors and publishers and other media moguls who have flown in to raise their profiles and burnish their egos.

For the less ambitious among the 17,000 press, there has been a chance to mix work and pleasure by investigating the naked dancer issue.

This embarrassment to Atlanta's civic dignity erupted into national news after an 82-

year-old judge blocked an attempt by local legislators to close nude-dancing bars before the convention.

"I feel part of the convention - part of history, really," said Brittainy, a 20-year-old dancer who is honouring the convention by wearing a royal blue collar and red, white and blue G-string.

Even Mr Michael Dukakis has been shedding a little of his image as "Zorba the

Clerk", dancing sirtaki on Sunday night at the restaurant of Mr Panos Karatasos, his cousin.

On his side, the parties have not stopped at the glitz-laden Marriott Hotel, headquarters of "Jesse's Army", a sweat-soaked one-minute walk from Mr Dukakis in the Hyatt.

Until last night's Jesse-Mike peace deal, the black campaigners were partying separately to nurse their grievances and air them to any waiting camera crew. As Mr Jackson put it, with the turn of phrase that has the Dukakis people

seething: "The party's not over till it's over and then it's not over."

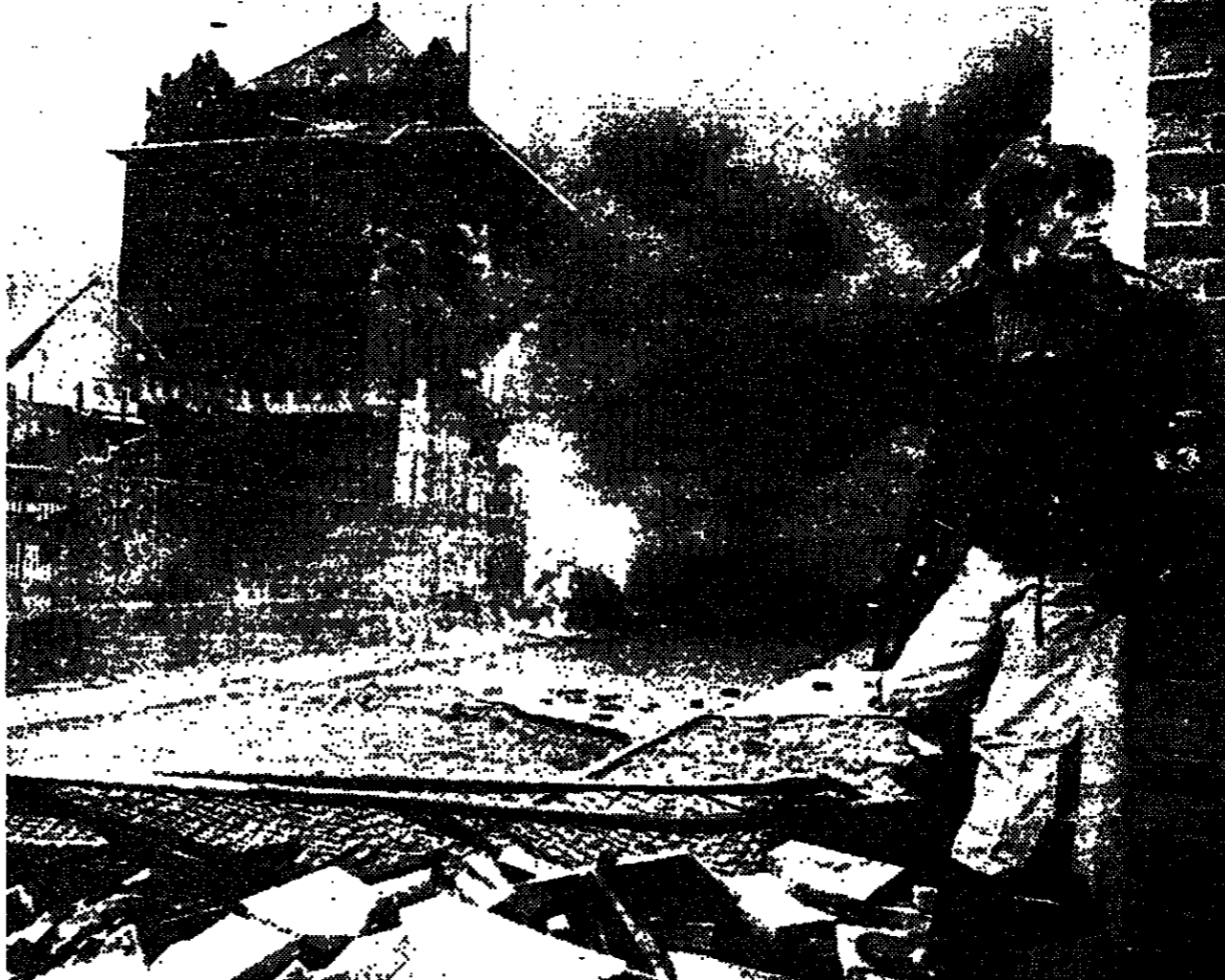
The invitation to kill for was not from the Dukakis cousin or any of the political heavyweights who have descended on the Deep South. It was "Newsmaker's 88", a bash laid on by Mr Ted Turner, the flamboyant television mogul known as the Mouth from the South, whose successful Cable News Network is based alongside the convention site in the Omni Coliseum.

Apart from Mr Dukakis and his wife Kitty, the people everybody wanted to meet were the likes of Mr Peter Jennings, the ABC News anchor, whose face beams from a giant billboard opposite the convention site.

More serious as a party topic than Jesse's tiff with Michael was the question: "Will Walter and Dan see it through?" CBS has brought in both Dan Rather, its prickly star news presenter and his venerable predecessor, Walter Cronkite.

Rather cannot abide Cronkite and America is poised for fireworks. "We're waiting to see if Dan talks to Walter with a 30-degree, 40-degree or 50-degree chill in his voice," said a CBS staff man.

Clashes as Dutch police evict squatters



A squatter in Amsterdam keeping a wary eye out for police yesterday as about 200 squatters were evicted from the derelict former military warehouse behind him, their home for more than a decade.

Two policemen were injured and six people were arrested in a two-hour battle between the authorities and squatters (A Correspondent writes). The squatters,

their ranks swollen by some 70 sympathizers, stoned police and set fire to four buildings on the site in Conradstraat, in the east of the city. As 600 riot police made their first charge, squatters also set fire to huge barricades of furniture and wooden sheds surrounding the warehouse. Police repeatedly charged the squatters and used water

cannon to storm the buildings. The warehouse is to be demolished to make way for 144 new council homes.

Squatting in Amsterdam started in the 1970s because of a serious housing shortage. But public support for the squatters waned as the city authorities embarked on a huge low-price housing programme.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Ugandan officer shot on Kenya isle

Nairobi - A Ugandan National Resistance Army officer and a Kenyan civilian were killed during a two-hour engagement between Kenyan security forces and Ugandan soldiers who "invaded" the Kenyan island of Sumba in Lake Victoria on Saturday (Andrew Buckle writes).

The Ugandans were reported to have beaten and robbed fishermen on the island after arriving there on a motor boat. They do not appear to have had any military objective, but the prominence given to them in the Kenyan press as Ugandan National Resistance Army troops threatens a revival of last year's border tension between the two countries. This culminated in several days of cross-border shooting in December, in which the Kenyans claimed to have killed more than 20 Ugandans.

It was resolved only after a meeting between President Museveni of Uganda and President Arap Moi of Kenya. Then, as now, according to the Kenyans, the shooting was sparked off by unruly Ugandan soldiers. However, there are distinct underlying strains between the two countries.

Harare security fear

Harare - Six whites, including two Britons, who are alleged to have spied on the African National Congress in Zimbabwe, yesterday appeared in court specially convened here inside two separate prisons.

The extraordinary measures reflect Government concern over the security of 14 alleged South African agents in Zimbabwe prisons after an abortive attempt to rescue five alleged agents being taken to court on June 29. The six were remanded on charges of keeping surveillance on ANC personnel. Journalists were refused admission.

Trap set for diplomat

Sydney - A time bomb exploded in an American diplomat's car just minutes before he was due to drive to work yesterday at the US embassy in Canberra (Christopher Morris writes). Military attaché Colonel Dean Stickle of the US Air Force was not injured when the car, parked in a garage beneath his house, blew up and caught fire.

Australian anti-terrorist police claim they have found evidence of "political motivation" for the attack. The fire bomb with a timing device is believed to have been planted under the parked car on the driver's side at the weekend.

Bomber sentenced



Nicosia (AP) - Omar Ahmed Hawillo, aged 28, left, a member of Islamic Jihad, was jailed for 15 years yesterday after pleading guilty to manslaughter in an attempt to blow up the Israeli Embassy here. He said after his arrest on May 11 that the plan went awry when a colleague, Kadour Honeim, was stopped from parking in front of the embassy. His car bomb exploded 200 yards away, killing Honeim and two Cypriots near by.

Driver dies in blast

Beirut (Reuter) - A suspected car bomber blew himself up yesterday after failing to park his explosives-laden car next to a militia security office. Police said the victim was a man in his twenties who parked the white Toyota saloon, loaded with about 45lb of explosives, at the perimeter wall of the Hotel Dieu hospital in the Ashrafieh district. The hospital was not damaged, and no other victims were reported.

A Lebanese Forces militia spokesman said the target was one of its security offices opposite the hospital. Militiamen had refused the driver permission to park outside.

Zimbabwe apologises for airstrip incident

Kinnock prepared to forgive and forget

From Phillip Webster, Harare

The Zimbabwean Government and Army yesterday apologized to Mr Neil Kinnock and his travelling companions who were held at gunpoint for an hour by troops at a remote airstrip.

The day after armed soldiers had threatened and abused the Labour leader at the airstrip, some of the men involved and the brigadier in charge of the district went to say sorry to him when he arrived at another nearby airport before flying to Harare for his final talks with President Mugabe.

Brigadier Paradzai Zimontse said: "We are all very sorry for what happened to Mr Kinnock. It should never have taken place." Then Bishop

Joshua Dhobe, the governor of Manicaland province in which the incident occurred, gave a fulsome public apology. He said: "I want to say to all our visitors, including the reporters, that what happened last night has made us feel very bad. We are ashamed about it."

"Mr and Mrs Kinnock and all those who have been with you - we love you. We are so happy with your presence."

Mr Kinnock, who clearly regretted that the incident had diverted attention from his main purpose, could not have been happier to declare the incident closed. Hugging the bishop, he said: "It is already forgotten."

Not surprisingly, however, there was no sign of the surly young lance-corporal who brandished his gun at the Labour leader and ordered him and his party into a 12ft square waiting room at the Mutare airstrip on Sunday night. As Mr Kinnock remarked, he may not be a lance-corporal much longer.

The reverberations of the episode continued yesterday. As Mr Kinnock was criticized in Britain by some Tory politicians for losing his temper, Mr Ramsay Melhuish, the British High Commissioner here, who had been waiting at another airstrip for Mr Kinnock, told me that he had been on the point of instituting emergency procedures which would have involved

raising the alarm and sending out search parties.

The fear among British diplomats was clearly that the Kinnock plane had either been shot down by bandits, who infest the area over which he flew, or had crashed.

Mr Kinnock, who arrives back in Britain this morning after his 11-day tour, yesterday met British soldiers, members of the military advisory and training team.

Mr Kinnock has had a hectic tour. The entrenched bureaucracy has meant that he has spent more time than he would have liked meeting officials and ministers rather than the people themselves. Journalists released: The South African correspondent

for The Guardian and two television crewman pursuing Mr Neil Kinnock across the frontline states were released yesterday after being detained for about 20 hours by Zimbabwean authorities (Jan Raath reports).

Mr David Beresford, and Mr Spokes Mashiane and Mr Carlo Guizzo, both of Worldwide Television News (WTN) and based in Johannesburg, were arrested with their pilot, Mr Stacey Wilford, at Harare international airport on Sunday night. Police appeared to have been anxious to interview Mr Wilford; a WTN representative said.

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Inquiry blames Meese but rejects prosecution

Washington (Reuter) - Mr Edwin Meese, the former US Attorney General, probably broke laws while in office, but no trial was warranted, a special prosecutor said in a report released yesterday.

The report, by special prosecutor Mr James McKay, detailed various conflict-of-interest charges against Mr Meese. Mr McKay's investigation centred on charges that Mr Meese helped the New York defence contractor, Wedtech Corporation, get

government contracts and was involved in plans to build an oil pipeline in Iraq.

On Wedtech, the report said: "The independent counsel (special prosecutor) has determined that the currently available evidence does not show any criminal wrongdoing by Mr Meese."

It said of the oil pipeline project: "The independent counsel has determined that the available admissible evidence is insufficient to conclude that Mr Meese's activ-

ities... violated the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act."

Mr Meese was accused of aiding efforts by a friend, Mr E. Robert Wallach, to win US Government backing for the pipeline deal, even after being told in a secret 1985 memo from Wallach that the project involved illegal payments to Israel and to the Israeli Labour Party.

Mr McKay also investigated meetings Mr Meese held with regional Bell Telephone Company executives while

holding \$14,000 (£8,200) in telephone shares.

The report said "there is a real possibility that the market value of the stock would be affected" and that Mr Meese "knew of his financial interest". His conduct probably violated US laws but "a criminal prosecution... is not warranted..."

Mr Wallach has been indicted on charges of illegally trying to influence Mr Meese and other US officials.

Mr McKay also examined

1985 stock sales by Mr Meese, the proceeds of which were not declared on his income tax returns until after copies of the returns had been turned over to the special prosecutor.

Mr McKay concluded that a court "would probably conclude beyond a reasonable doubt that Mr Meese violated (federal tax law) by willfully filing a materially false tax return and... by willfully failing to pay his income tax when due." Nevertheless, prosecution was unwarranted.

Cuban youngsters risk jail for almighty dollar

From David Gollob Havana

Facing Havana's Hotel Riviera, a 16-storey seafont monstrosity built by the US crime boss, Meyer Lansky, before the 1959 revolution, there is a small park with concrete benches and a fountain illuminated by multicoloured lights.

Designed by the communist Government for public use, the park is strangely deserted on a Friday night, when lovers and restless teenagers stroll in the cool Caribbean breezes of Havana's Malecon Embankment.

Cuba's post-revolutionary generation (59 per cent of the 10 million population is under 30) seems to have rejected in large part the values of its parents and the communist state, despite intense political indoctrination. The barren park, built with the best intentions and yet spurned by Cuba's alienated youth, symbolizes a growing malaise.

Young Cubans prefer to "hang out" on the corner of 23rd Street and L Avenue, the crossroads of Havana's small entertainment district. Defying harsh penalties and constant police surveillance, illegal money traffickers, marijuana pushers, hustlers and pimps lurk in the shadows. In a country that boasts of eliminating hunger, unemployment and "capitalist" vices, something akin to Soho has sprung.

"This is a country where no one has to prostitute themselves in order to eat; where quality health care and education are free. I ask you, are there any more important human rights?" said Señor José Fernández, the Education Minister, in an interview with Western journalists.

"Young Cubans seem to think so. 'Most pretty young girls my age are whores,'" said Señora Mayra Gómez, aged 18, at a teenage hang-out on the Malecon. "I understand why. It's the lack of freedom to buy the things you want." An obsession with

acquiring Western clothes sold only for dollars at special tourist shops is one of the main causes of rising juvenile delinquency, which has swollen Cuba's prison population - one of the highest per capita in the world. Alarmed, the Government revised the criminal code, making some petty crimes punishable by fines instead of prison.

Nevertheless, a Cuban caught with dollars in his pocket still faces a two-year jail term. Elaborate ruses and schemes, including casual prostitution and theft, are used to get hold of black-market dollars, and then to entice foreigners to purchase the clothing on the youngster's behalf.

"At a shop for Cubans you can buy a pair of trousers (made in the Eastern bloc) that covers your body but leaves you dissatisfied," explained Señor Jesús Hernández, aged 23, a teacher. "That's why a lot of kids are in jail." To wear

American-made, acid-washed jeans is seen by the authorities as a symbol of "ideological diversion".

For young Cubans it is a status symbol; their most daring public expression of discontent with a system that, while offering many advantages, imposes tight social controls and a monotonous lifestyle.

Frustration at the lack of jobs appropriate for an over-abundance of university graduates, and exasperation with a ubiquitous security apparatus, has contributed to the claustrophobia of the young and their escapist fantasies.

However, this malaise has not produced an articulate political reaction.

"I'd like another system - with the good things of this system," said Señor Ernesto Rodríguez, aged 20, an unemployed teacher, who was grateful for his education, but not the offer of a job as a building worker.

"It only the young know what we

went through, they would understand why we have to fight for the revolution," said Señora María Flores, aged 52, a factory forewoman and Communist Party member interviewed at her tidy two-room home.

Señora Flores, an impoverished domestic servant before the revolution, said she envied her children's freedoms and comforts, and maintained that "the dissident ones" are "a small minority".

Her son Orión, aged 30, an unemployed barman, disagreed, but would speak his mind only when out of earshot not just of the authorities, but of his own mother.

"She says we're just a small group, but we are the great majority," he said. "We don't have freedom to express ourselves, to do the things we want."

The summer of young people interviewed for this article have been changed, at their request, to protect them from reprisals.

IMPACT ON IRAN

Leaders' gamble leaves revolution in turmoil

By Nicholas Beeston and Hazhir Teimourian

The Iranian leader, Ayatollah Khomeini, and the heir to his revolution, Hojatoleslam Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, yesterday took the greatest gamble of their political careers when they announced that Iran was ready to halt its eight-year conflict with Iraq.

The move is expected to throw Iran's leadership into turmoil, pitting the pragmatists against the hardliners, who see the declaration as an act of capitulation to the Arab states and the West and fear that the Islamic revolution, which has been fired by the conflict, is now under threat.

Although it was predicted earlier this month that Iran was scaling down the war, the announcement came as a surprise to many within the Iranian regime, suggesting that the decision must have been taken in secret by Ayatollah Khomeini, Hojatoleslam Rafsanjani and a carefully chosen group of aides.

In the aftermath of the Iran Air Airbus incident, the entire Iranian leadership, including Ayatollah Khomeini, Hojatoleslam Rafsanjani, President Khatami and the Prime Minister, Mir Hossein Mousavi, were urging Iranians to continue the struggle against Iraq.

What has now become clear is that, while the tired slogans were being pumped out at the Friday prayers in Tehran, furtive talks were under way to choose the right moment for acceptance of Resolution 598.

In the past year, as Tehran witnessed the rapid erosion of its military strength, it has modified its demands for ending the conflict from the overthrow of President Saddam Hussein to an international condemnation of Iraq for starting the war.

The unconditional acceptance of Resolution 598 is expected to bring Hojatoleslam Rafsanjani, who was appointed Chief of Staff of the armed forces in June, into direct conflict with hardliners such as the Interior Minister, Mr Ali Akbar Mohtashemi, who described a negotiated settlement as "defeatist" and accused the moderate

Foreign Minister, Mr Ali Akbar Velayati, of playing into the hands of President Saddam.

Similar attacks have been made against Hojatoleslam Rafsanjani by Ayatollah Khomeini's designated heir, Ayatollah Montazeri.

But diplomats in Tehran described Hojatoleslam Rafsanjani as the most powerful and skilful politician in Iran, and a figure who would not wantonly gamble his hard-earned position unless he had taken all the possible repercussions into consideration.

It is believed that he viewed the continuation of the war and its effect on the economy as a greater threat to the regime's long-term chances of survival.

Although he can probably recover from the setback, the reputation of his mentor, Ayatollah Khomeini, now believed to be nearing the end of his life, will never recover.

Having challenged the superpower status quo and promised that a fundamentalist Muslim tidal wave would sweep across Islamic countries, the final chapter of his biography will record that the main effort of his leadership, the war with Iraq, ended in failure.

It was Ayatollah Khomeini who



Hojatoleslam Rafsanjani: Secret talks will bring conflict with fundamentalists.

INTERNATIONAL REACTION

Decision seen as important first step

By Andrew McEwen and Nicholas Beeston

Iran's decision to accept Resolution 598 was seen yesterday as a huge step towards ending the eight-year war.

Mr David Mellor, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, described it as "potentially a major breakthrough".

He added: "What we now need to see happen is for the (UN) Secretary-General to go back to the plan he drew up last September, which is to set a series of staging points towards early implementation of the terms of 598."

Mr Hans Heino Kopetzky, of the International Institute of Strategic Studies, who last week predicted a deal to end

the war, said: "I think we are seeing the first concrete step towards the end of the conflict."

He believed there had been direct and indirect contact between Tehran and Baghdad on a deal and that a number of other countries may have helped. One possibility was an understanding that Iran's acceptance would lead to a cessation or reduction of Iraq's attacks on shipping carrying Iranian oil and a partial or total withdrawal of US forces in the Gulf.

In Bonn, Herr Friedhelm Ost, the chief West German government spokesman, said

Iran's acceptance was an "important step towards a ceasefire".

Iraq said it was studying notes on Iran's acceptance. Mr Latif Nassif al-Jassem, the Information Minister, said Iraq was keen to achieve peace according to principles put forward by President Saddam Hussein on Sunday. The President had said there should be a complete, unconditional withdrawal by both parties to internationally recognized borders, the signing of a peace and non-aggression accord, commitments to non-interference in each other's internal affairs and an

immediate exchange of prisoners.

Oil markets remained unstable yesterday with traders predicting that prices will fall. A settlement would make large cargoes, shipped from the Gulf, cheaper; Iran could re-equip its highly productive oilfields; and Iraq could divert funds to reopen its export pipelines through Syria.

Some sources suggested that some Middle Eastern crude oils could fall almost to \$10 by the end of this month. But the first movement sent the price of the key North Sea Brent crude upwards to just under \$15 a barrel.

THE LEGAL WAR

Tehran pays price for isolation

By Anatol Lieven

Iran's condition that the United Nations should condemn Iraq for starting the Gulf War before Iran could accept a ceasefire was the main official barrier to Tehran's acceptance of Resolution 598.

The resolution condemns neither side but, in clause 6, requests the UN Secretary-General "to explore, in consultation with Iran and Iraq, the question of entrusting an impartial body with inquiring into responsibility for the conflict, and to report to the Security Council as soon as possible". Iran has previously regarded this as an excuse for inaction or a whitewash.

The question of placing the blame on Iraq for starting the war by attacking across the Shatt al-Arab waterway in 1980 has been crucial to Iranian pride and sense of justice.

Iran is expected to demand a return to the status of the Shatt al-Arab agreed between President Saddam Hussein and the Shah at Algiers in 1975. This determined that the frontier would run down the middle of the waterway, rather than along the Iranian shore as Iraq previously demanded.

The waterway is Iraq's only outlet to the sea, and the revocation of the 1975 agreement was the main demand made by Baghdad during its victories in the initial months.

Most independent observers think that Iraq began the war with its offensive on

September 22 and 23, 1980, clearly breaching those parts of the UN Charter dealing with "aggressive war".

The Iranians blame world opinion for having preferred to ignore both this fact and what they see as subsequent well-attested Iraqi offences against the international laws of war, such as the use of chemical weapons. But Iran's

own breaches of international convention, most notably the seizure of the American hostages in Tehran, has been largely responsible for the general lack of international sympathy for the country.

The condemnation of Iraq would have some effect on negotiations over the Shatt al-Arab. The precedent established with regard to Germany

by the League of Nations after the First World War and by the United Nations after the Second World War could also, in theory, lay Iraq open, under the UN Charter, to Iranian demands for reparations for the human and material damage incurred in the conflict.

It is estimated that the war has cost more than a million casualties, including 262,000 Iraqis and 105,000 Iraqis killed in battle, according to Pentagon estimates.

Material damage has been vast, especially to the two countries' oil industries. The cost to Iran of the war is thought to have been more than \$200 billion. More than 400 tankers have been attacked in the Gulf.

In theory, neutral parties who have suffered, such as international shipowners and the families of killed or injured seamen, might also be able to claim compensation. Iran will probably also demand international trials of President Saddam and his ministers, on the model of Nuremberg.

International analysts think that there is little chance of this coming about. Historically, reparations have only been paid by defeated countries, and it is Iran which now appears exhausted.

But given the desire by both the West and the Warsaw Pact for peace in the region, there is a good chance of considerable international aid.

Letter from Khomeini

The text of a letter to Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN Secretary-General, from President Khomeini of Iran explaining Tehran's acceptance of Security Council Resolution 598, which demands a ceasefire in the Gulf War.

Excellency, Please accept my warm greetings with best wishes for your Excellency's success in efforts to establish peace and justice.

As you are well aware, the fire of the war which was started by the Iraqi regime on 22 September, 1980 through an aggression against the territorial integrity of the Islamic Republic of Iran has now gained unprecedented dimensions, bringing other countries into the war and even engulfing innocent civilians.

The killing of 290 innocent human beings, caused by the shooting down of an Airbus aircraft of the Islamic Republic

of Iran by one of the American warships in the Persian Gulf, is a clear manifestation of this contention.

Under these circumstances, Your Excellency's efforts for the implementation of Resolution 598 is of particular importance. The Islamic Republic of Iran has always provided you with its assistance and support to achieve this objective.

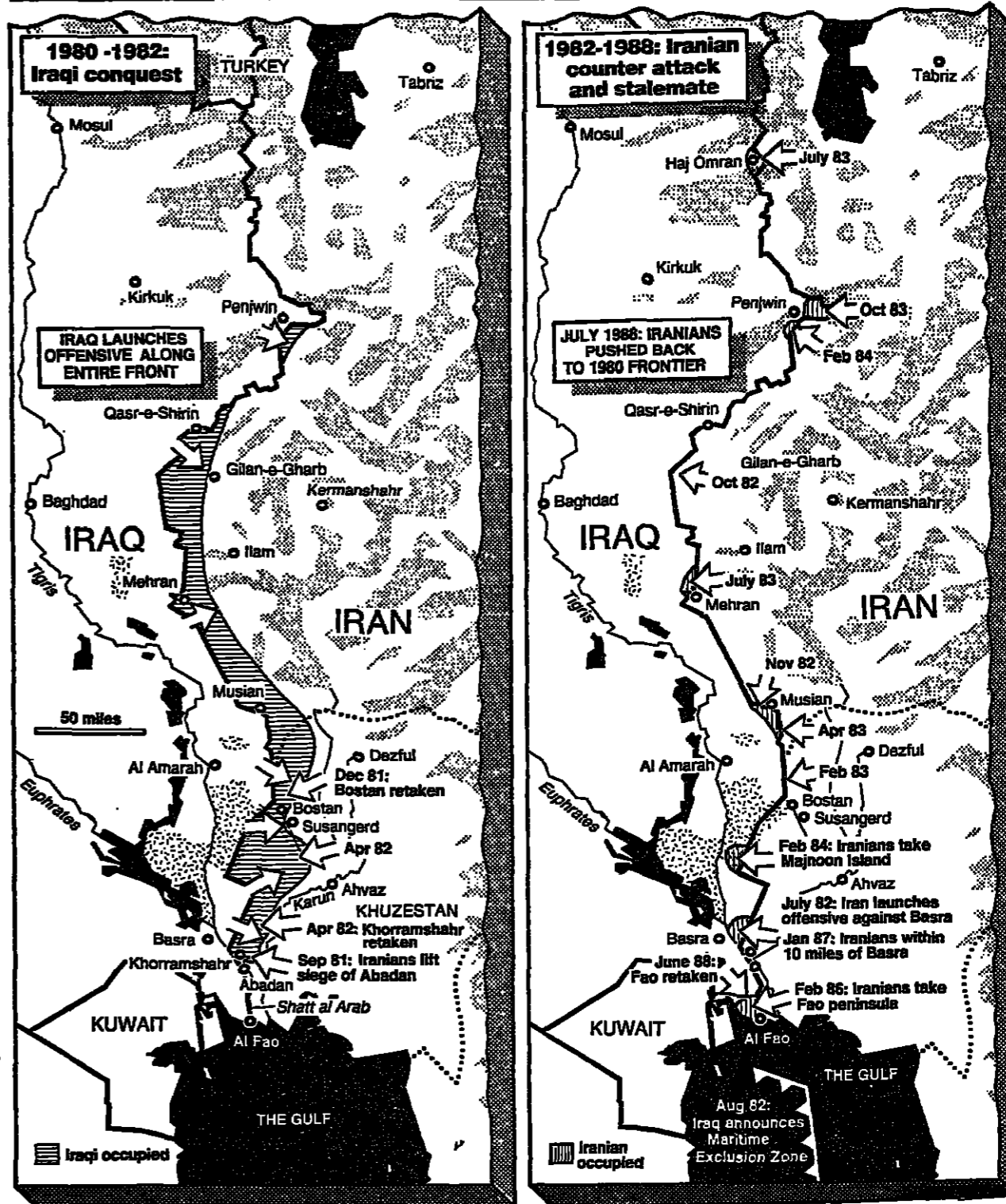
In this context, we have decided to officially declare that the Islamic Republic of Iran - because of the importance it attaches to saving the lives of human beings and the establishment of justice and regional and international peace and security - accepts Security Council Resolution 598. We hope that the official declaration of this position by the Islamic Republic of Iran would assist you in continuing your efforts, which have always received our support and appreciation.

purely civilian population centres, attacks on neutral shipping or civilian aircraft, the violation of international humanitarian law and other laws of armed conflict, and, in particular, the use of chemical weapons contrary to obligations under the 1925 Geneva Protocol,

deeply concerned that further escalation and widening of the conflict may take place,

determined to bring to an end all military actions between Iran and Iraq,

THE GULF WAR: 1980 - 1988



Ebbs and flows of conflict

1980

June-August Border clashes. Sept 4 Iranian shelling of Khanaqin and Mandali reported by Iraq on Sept 8. Iraq subsequently claimed conflict began on Sept 4. Sept 17 Iraq abrogated 1975 Algiers agreement (which redemarcated and defined land frontier between Iran and Iraq, and defined southern boundary, where it followed the Shatt al-Arab waterway).

Sept 22 Iraq invaded Iran on three fronts; bombed Iranian airports and military installations. Iran declared waterways near its coast war zone. Sept 23 Iraq bombed Baghdad and other Iraqi towns. Sept 28 UN Security Council Resolution (SCR) 478 called for cessation of hostilities. President Saddam Hussein said Iraq would stop if Iran recognized Baghdad's "legitimate rights".

Sept 28-30 Ayatollah Khomeini declared "no compromise" with President Saddam. Oct 1 Iraq announced Oct 5 ceasefire. Iran rejected it. Oct 15-17 UN Security Council met again. Iranian Prime Minister told it that settlement possible only if aggressor was conquered and punished.

Oct 24 Iraq forces capture Kharran. Nov 14-17 Battle for Susangard; Iraqi assault beaten off. Sept 27-29 Iraqis pushed Iraqis back over Karun river, ending Abadan siege.

1981

Mar 22-31 Iran forced Iraqi pull-out in Shush-Dezful area. Apr 8-10 Syria closed border with Iraq and halted transit of oil through Syrian pipeline. Apr 29 Iraq bombed Kharg Island.

May 24 Khorramshahr liberated by Iran. Jun 30 Iraq announced pull-out from Iranian territory, but some pockets still held.

Jul 12 UN Security Council, meeting at request of Arab states, adopted SCR 514 calling for a "ceasefire, an immediate end to all military operations, and a withdrawal of forces to internationally recognized boundaries".

Aug 12 Iraq announced maritime exclusion zone (MEZ) in Gulf; any vessel entering it liable to be attacked. Aug 18-26 Iraqi aircraft attacked Kharg Island.

Sept 4 Iraqi aircraft attacked four ships in MEZ; more attacks during September. Nov 1 Iran launched operation in Musian area; Iraqi territory occupied. Nov 17 Supreme Assembly of Islamic Revolution of Iraq (SAIRI) formed in Tehran, political and military organization aiming to overthrow Baathist regime in Baghdad.

1983

Apr 20-21 Iraqi missile attacks on Dezful; first in series of attacks on civilian targets. Jul 23 Iran occupied Haj Omran in Iraqi Kurdistan.

1984

Feb 10-12 Iraqi missile attacks on Dezful, and Iranian shelling of Basra, Khanaqin and Mandali, began round of attacks on civilian targets. Feb 21 Iran starts moves to take Majnoon Islands (Mar 1).

Mar 1 Sinking of British merchant vessel Charming by Iraq. Iraq attacks start on Gulf shipping. Mar 21 UN inspectors said chemical weapons used in Iraq; condemned by UN Security Council president on Mar 30. Apr 25 Iraq attacked and destroyed Saudi Arabian tanker outside MEZ.

1985

Mar 4 "War of cities" began with Iraq bombing Ahwaz. Mar 5 Iran shelled Basra. Mar 11 Beginning of operation in which Iranian forces reached Tikrit but were beaten back.

Apr 7-8 Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, UN Secretary-General, visited Tehran and Baghdad; put forward eight-point proposals to both sides.

Sept 4 Iran stepped up stopping and searching merchant vessels suspected of carrying strategic material for Iraq.

1986

Feb 10 Iran took Fao, Iraq's pre-war oil port. Feb 24 Security Council Resolution 582 deplored initial aggression and sought ceasefire. Mar 14 UN Secretary-General reported specialists had confirmed use of chemical weapons by Iraq in recent fighting.

Mar 24 Ayatollah Khomeini called for mass mobilization. Aug 2 President Saddam made five conditions for peace, including mutual withdrawal to internationally recognized border and non-aggression pact. Aug 12 Iraq bombed Sirri oil terminal; UK-registered and Hong Kong-owned vessel damaged badly; 17 dead. Iranian missile attack on Baghdad. Oct 10-11 Iranian Kurd guerrilla attack on Kirkuk refinery.

1987

Jan 9 Launching of operation east of Basra, in which Iranian forces advanced to Fives. Apr 14 US Navy frigate Samuel B. Roberts strikes a mine in international waters off Qatar. Apr 17 Iraqi troops recapture Fao peninsula.

Apr 18 US warships blow up two Iranian oil rigs and destroy six Iranian navy vessels. May 25 Iraq recaptures Shalamin marshes east of Basra.

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1988

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Resolution 598's requirements from both sides for a negotiated settlement

The following is the text of Resolution 598 on a Gulf War ceasefire which the UN Security Council adopted on July 20 last year and which Iran accepted yesterday. Iraq had agreed to the resolution from the outset.

The Security Council, reaffirming its Resolution 582 (1986), deeply concerned that the conflict between Iran and Iraq continues unabated, with further heavy loss of human life and material destruction,

deploring the initiation and continuation of the conflict, and deploring also the bombing of

between Iran and Iraq, recalling the provisions of the United Nations Charter and, in particular, the obligation of all member states to settle their international disputes by peaceful means in such a manner that international peace and security and justice are not endangered,

determining that there exists a breach of the peace as regards the conflict between Iran and Iraq, acting under Articles 39 and 40 of the Charter of the United Nations:

1 Demands that, as a first step towards a negotiated settlement, Iran and Iraq observe an immedi-

ate ceasefire, discontinue all military actions on land, at sea and in the air, and withdraw all forces to the internationally recognized boundaries without delay;

2 Requests the Secretary-General to dispatch a team of United Nations observers to verify, confirm and supervise the ceasefire and withdrawal and further requests the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements in consultation with the parties and to submit a report thereon to the Security Council;

3 Urges that prisoners of war be released and repatriated without delay after the cessation of active

hostilities in accordance with the Third Geneva Convention of 12 August, 1949;

4 Calls upon Iran and Iraq to cooperate with the Secretary-General in implementing this resolution and in mediation efforts to achieve a comprehensive, just and honourable settlement, acceptable to both sides, of all outstanding issues, in accordance with the principles contained in the Charter of the United Nations;

5 Calls upon all other states to exercise the utmost restraint and to refrain from any act which may lead to further escalation and

widening of the conflict, and thus to facilitate the implementation of the present resolution;

6 Requests the Secretary-General to explore, in consultation with Iran and Iraq, the question of entrusting an impartial body with inquiring into responsibility for the conflict and to report to the Security Council as soon as possible;

7 Recognizes the magnitude of the damage inflicted during the conflict and the need for reconstruction efforts, with appropriate international assistance, once the conflict is ended and, in this regard, requests the Secretary-

General to assign a team of experts to study the question of reconstruction and to report to the Security Council;

8 Further requests the Secretary-General to examine in consultation with Iran and Iraq and with other states of the region, measures to enhance the security and stability of the region;

9 Requests the Secretary-General to keep the Security Council informed on the implementation of this resolution;

10 Decides to meet again as necessary to consider further steps to ensure compliance with this resolution.

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PARLIAMENT

Rover debate on 'outrageous' closures refused

It would be outrageous if MPs were denied the opportunity to debate the announced plan to close the Rover plants at Cowley South and Llanelli, with the loss of 4,900 jobs...

CAR PLANTS

signals the end of the British volume car industry.

It solves the puzzle about why the Rover corporate plan was regarded as a matter of such contention by the Government...

We now know that BAE regarded that matter, not as "neither important nor material", as the Minister of Trade and Industry (Mr Kenneth Clark) maintained...

One of the avowed intentions of this scheme is to take the future of the British car industry out of the remit of this House...

The matter requires urgent attention because we have had two ministerial statements within the past week...

The matter will be resolved one way or the other, one assumes, during the summer recess. This is the last opportunity for the House to consider this important matter.

It would be outrageous if the House were to find itself denied the opportunity to debate a development of such fateful significance to the British car industry.

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) said that he had listened carefully to what Mr Gould had said, but he did not consider that the matter met the criteria of the standing order for emergency debates.

He could not therefore submit Mr Gould's application to the House.

Earlier, during question time, Mr Rhodri Morgan (Cardiff West, Lab) called for more regional assistance for Welsh industry in the wake of the announcement on the future of the Llanelli factory.

He told Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Wales, that the announcement would mean the loss of 900 jobs there.

Had not Mr Walker grossly underestimated the need for a greater concentration of regional assistance to industry in Wales?

Mr Walker said that he regretted any announcement about a future closure.

He hoped that the positive approach of the Government's regional policy would help in finding many new jobs.

Northern Ireland Comptroller

Government 'obstructive'

The Government was being obstructive and negative in its attitude towards establishing the level of salary for the Northern Ireland Comptroller and Auditor General...

is not satisfied with the attitude of the Government towards the salary of the Northern Ireland Comptroller and Auditor General...

is the present situation.

Mr Michael Latham (Rutland and Melton, C) said that the present Northern Ireland Comptroller and Auditor General had done invaluable work in revealing the de Lorean scandal.

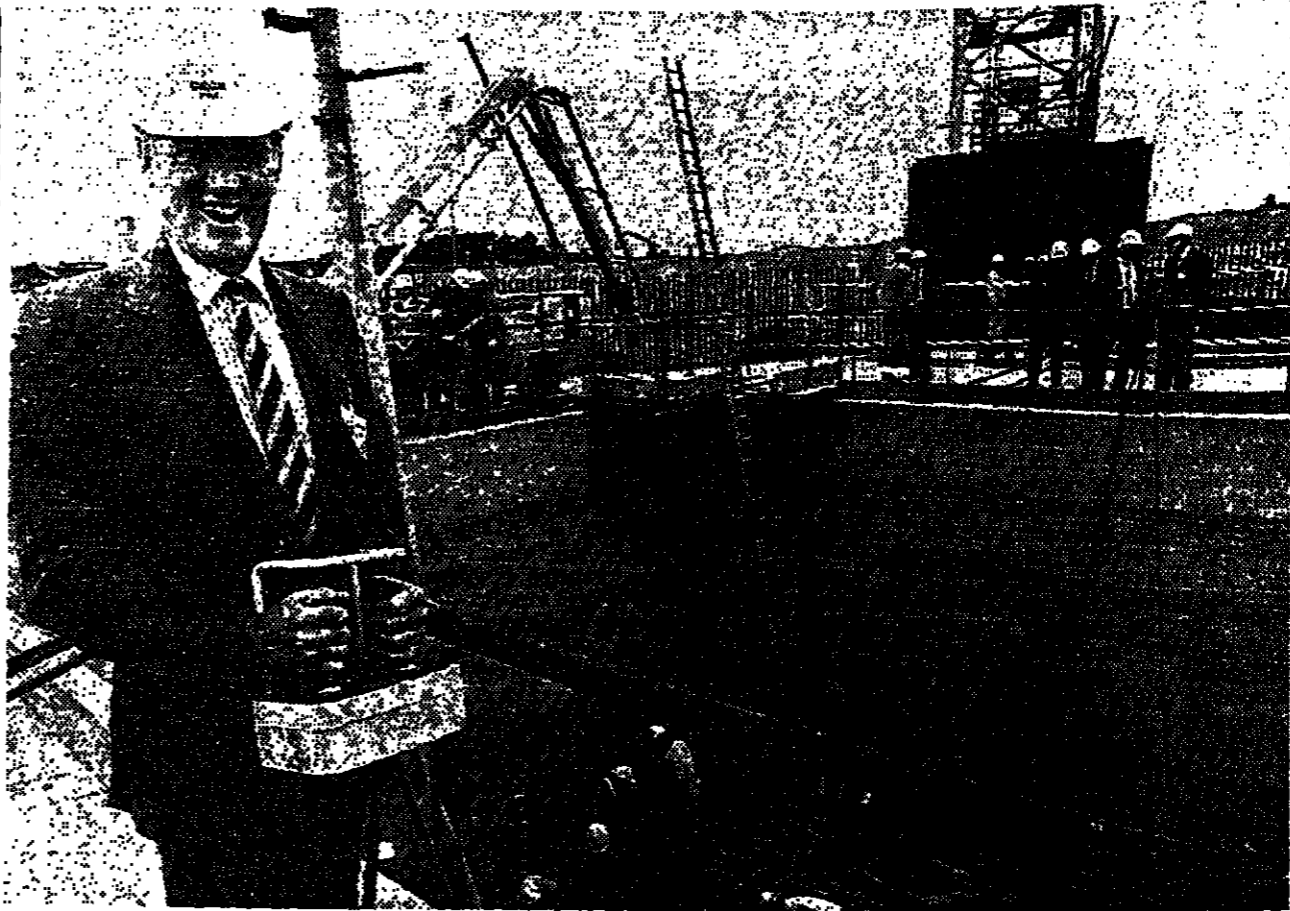
Mr Robert Sheldon, chairman of the public accounts committee, said that there were strong feelings of support for the action Sir Peter had taken.

Sir Peter said that what was particularly sad about the present impasse was that the relationship that had existed between the Commons and the National Audit Office for more than 100 years had been put in question.

Ministers must understand that the independence of the Comptroller and Auditor General, whether here or in Northern Ireland, is vital to the proper execution of his duties.

And when I tell the House that it was seriously suggested that the Northern Ireland Civil Service should help to assess what the Northern Ireland Comptroller and Auditor General should be paid by way of salary, then I think the House will appreciate how unsatisfactory is the present situation.

Sir Peter: I have to report to the House that the commission



Mr Cecil Parkinson at the controls of the concrete pump as he started the main phase of construction at the Sizewell B pressurized water reactor nuclear power station in Suffolk yesterday (Photograph: Chris Harris)

Scottish electricity decision

The nuclear power stations in Scotland are to be held by a joint subsidiary of the two companies that will take over the electricity industry there on privatization.

The privatization will leave the ownership between the successors of the present North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board and South of Scotland Electricity Board unchanged.

The proposals were announced by Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, in a written reply.

"The nuclear assets will be shared between the successor companies to the present boards in relation to their relative size, through a subsidiary jointly and exclusively owned by the parent companies.

The benefits of nuclear power will therefore remain available to all Scottish consumers... both companies will have access to the full range of fossil-fuel sources and the benefits of hydro generation...

Mandela birthday wish

Labour MPs failed in an attempt to get an emergency debate on the imprisonment in South Africa of Nelson Mandela, leader of the African National Congress, on his seventieth birthday.

SOUTH AFRICA

churches, and it had wide support across the House.

It was especially appropriate for the House to devote some time to this matter in view of Britain's historic links with South Africa, including economic links.

The matter was urgent because Mr Mandela's continued detention was one of the factors leading to loss of life in South Africa, and his release would bring fresh hope.

Mr Benn said the House had adjourned to mark the death of great world statesmen. He wanted the House to be allowed "to prevent the death of a great nation by the continued violence against Nelson Mandela".

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) said he was enjoined under the rules not to give reasons for his decision but to take careful note of the criteria in Standing Order 20 under which applications for emergency debates were made.

He regretted that he did not consider the matter appropriate for discussion under the Stand-

ing Order and could not, therefore, submit the application to the House.

Lords, during points of order, Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Walton, Lab) said that speakers at the great demonstration in Hyde Park had included the General Secretary of the Commonwealth, all the members of which were in favour of the release of Nelson Mandela.

On that basis, and in view of what had also been said by Archbishop Tutu and Huddleston, why was it that the House could not have a debate on this very important day?

The Speaker said that he had a difficult decision to take with regard to applications for emergency debates and he could not give any reasons.

Mr David Wisnick (Walsall North, Lab) wanted the Speaker to send a message, on behalf of the House, to Nelson Mandela on his seventieth birthday.

It would be very much in line with the British Government's view as it had said that it was against his being kept in prison. Was the Speaker willing to accept a manuscript motion asking for this to be done?

The Speaker said that he would need the authority of the House to do so.

Warning to peers on art project

The Government's offer to house the Thyssen-Bornemisza art collection in Britain could turn out to be "a mare's nest", Lord St John of Fawley (C) said during questions in the Lords.

He congratulated the Government on its bold attempt to secure the collection for Britain, but said that, if it dealt fell through, it should use the money to support other arts ventures, such as the Royal Opera House, the National Theatre or the royal fine arts collection.

Lady Trampington, a Government arts spokeswoman in the Lords, said that the cost of housing the collection would have no material effect on the arts budget.

She also apologized for stating last week in a debate that the Government would contribute £150 million towards the cost of housing the Thyssen collection. "The Government has not given any figures and I do not intend to do so this afternoon".

Church move 'long way off'

Mr Michael Atkeson, Second Church Estates Commissioner, who represents the Church Commissioners in the Commons, said at question time that details of compensation for clergy-men who left Holy Orders in the wake of the divorce law reforms were already under scrutiny.

He was replying to Mr Harry Greenway (Ealing North, C) who suggested that they should be properly and thoroughly compensated.

Mr Atkeson pointed out that there had to be another election of the General Synod in 1990 before any final, irrevocable decision was taken on the question of women. It was a long way away and far from certain.

Tourist cash review

Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Employment, has launched a review of Government policy towards the English tourist industry.

The review, to be carried out by officials of the Department for Employment with the FA Consulting Group, will consider the cost-effectiveness of Government funding. Mr Fowler said in a written reply.

Spandau cost

The demolition of Spandau Prison, Berlin, after the death there of its last prisoner, Rudolf Hess, cost DM1,658,963 (£531,700). The West German Government met the full cost, Mr Christopher Clope, Under Secretary of State, Environment, said in a written reply.

St John grant

The Government has offered £100,000 to the St John Ophthalmic Hospital, Jerusalem, for "outreach" programmes and emergency clinics in Gaza. Mr Christopher Patten, Minister for Overseas Development, said in a written Commons reply. He said that it was the third grant to the hospital since 1984.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Education and Science; Prime Minister; Education Reform Bill; Lords amendments; second day. Lords (2.30): Legal Aid Bill; Commons amendments; Health and Medicines Bill; committee, second day.

Education Bill goes under guillotine

The Government had a majority of 139 for its guillotine motion requiring the Commons to complete consideration of Lords amendments to the Education Reform Bill by the end of Tuesday's business.

That consultation process required the enactment of the Bill. The National Curriculum Council needed formally to be in being for consultation to take place.

If the Bill was not enacted until the autumn, the council

designed to bring the curriculum into being in 1989.

Of 569 amendments made in the Lords, nearly 500 were technical or consequential. Only 75 could be described as amendments of substance. Of those, 18 fulfilled commitments given in the Commons and the remainder were responses to the Lords. Just 30 substantive amendments had been introduced solely at the Government's initiative.

This was not a centralizing Bill. Parents, governors and head-teachers gained power.

Mr Jack Straw, chief Opposition spokesman on education, intervened to challenge Mr Baker to deny that there were 450 new central powers in the Bill.

Mr Baker: Many powers I have taken in order to give institutions more powers. He had had to take powers to free polytechnics, give governors more powers and parents more choice.

Mr Straw said that the guillotine was an example of the elective dictatorship which was the hallmark of this Administration. The timetable allowed 70 seconds debate an amendment.

There were 49 new state powers at 11 minutes a power. Mr Baker's speech had been tawdry, specious and inconsequential.

Mr Baker knew well that the introduction of the national curriculum was so ill prepared that its implementation would be delayed until well past the end of the decade and well into the next.

It was a simple untruth to say that London Labour leaders had been enthusiastic about the abolition of ILEA. Ealing had asked the Opposition to move an amendment delaying transfer from 1990-91.

In any parliamentary system the majority would get its way, but an effective parliamentary system required proposals to be given a proper discussion. The rule of law depended on it.

Yet here government by the process of law had been replaced by the amendment might have, no one would dispute that it was worthy of more debate than the two hours it would receive.

Un-elected members of the Lords had spent days on religious education and worship. The Commons was expected to take two hours and to take the amendment or leave it without

being able to change a word.

On academic freedom and the funding of the universities, only two hours were being given. On City Technical Colleges, on which there had never been a debate in the House because Mr Baker was afraid to discuss his policy, there was to be a two-hour debate, two years after the policy was first announced.

Mr Baker's argument was that to make people free, he had to put them in chains.

The Bill nationalized the education system and took away the powers of local people to determine education as they wished.

"We are dealing with the education of seven million children, with their futures. We owe it to them to get things right.

Authoritarian rule is not only offensive to democracy. It is, in the end, profoundly inefficient because it so often gets things wrong. This motion is an offence to democracy. It is an offence to our children. It must be opposed."

Mr James Pawsey (Rugby and Kenilworth, C) said that The Times Educational Supplement, not normally an organ in favour of the Conservative Party, had said in an editorial on July 15: "The great majority of the amendments, as is usual with a Bill of this sort, were moved by ministers, improving the draft or shutting the loopholes". Most of the amendments were technical.

Sporting peers in plea for their guns

Sporting peers on the Conservative and Independent benches urged during the committee stage of the Firearms (Amendment) Bill that peers must see the other side of the coin - the interests of public safety.

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Lord Brain said that the Government was determined to use a steamroller to try to crack a nut. He would withdraw his amendments, but he intended returning to the issue at report stage.

Lord Wyncford (C) moved an amendment to exempt from the ban self-loading rifles which had a magazine capacity of no more than four cartridges, as used by many disabled shooters.

He was disabled and had had a gun specially made for him after the war for use single-handed.

There was a fierce determination among disabled people to challenge, compete and try to succeed on equal terms.

Earl Ferrers said that ministers had considered the problem of disabled shooters and found that there were only one or two models of such guns on the market. They had concluded that it was not justified to exempt such weapons from the ban.

The amendment was rejected by 162 votes to 38 - Government majority, 124.

Speaker appeals for decorum

Tory sympathy for prisoner Kinnock



Mr Neil Hamilton: A mild rebuke from the Speaker

a full part in the Commons. They did not want another tier of Government added to the burden on them.

Mr Walker said that in their election manifesto Labour had said that Wales was an integral part of the United Kingdom. After his triumphant return from Zimbabwe, he doubted Mr Kinnock would make his position on this clear.

Mr Eric Forth (Mid Worcestershire, C) suggested an invitation to Mr Kinnock, on his return from Zimbabwe, to discuss Labour Party policy on Wales. Or would Mr Kinnock be so upset by what had happened to him in Zimbabwe as to be incapable of anything?

Mr Walker, said that he did not want to join in observations on Mr Kinnock's problems in Zimbabwe. He was a believer in keeping Mr Neil Kinnock as Leader of the Opposition at all costs.

Later, during points of order, Mr Edward Leigh (Gainsborough and Horncastle, C) said that the Speaker was responsible for communicating to the House news of any MPs who had been impounded.

House and its members and he was in contact with the speakers of other parliaments, particularly those in the Commonwealth.

Would he make it his business to be in touch with the Speaker of the Zimbabwe Parliament over the recent and very distressing recent incidents regarding a certain MP?

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) said that he hoped to have the pleasure of meeting the speaker this week during the Commonwealth Speakers' Conference.

Mr Neil Hamilton (Tunton, C) said that Erskine May laid down that the Speaker's identification of the Leader of the Opposition was final.

As doubt could arise, particularly abroad, perhaps it would be for the benefit of the House if the Speaker were to accompany the Leader of the Opposition on future tours... (laughter)... or to issue him with a certificate stating that, believe it or not, this person actually is the Leader of the Opposition (laughter).

Barclays Bank Base Rate. Barclays Bank PLC and Barclays Bank Trust Company Limited announce that with effect from 18th July 1988 their Base Rate increased from 10% to 10 1/2%

Tory sympathy for prisoner Kinnock. Conservative MPs contrived in various ways to raise the difficulties experienced by Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, with an officious armed soldier in Zimbabwe at the weekend. Though they derived great amusement from this, the Speaker said that he hoped that the deliberations of the House were not going to be reduced to farce.

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SPECTRUM

Flying at the tarnished shield

How could the Vincennes, bristling with awesome technology, get it wrong? Charles Bremner hitched a ride in the Learjet below as it launched a wargame "attack" on her sister ship



CARL GLASSMAN

Some words of reassurance came from the carrier navy flyer as our civilian jet skimmed the Atlantic waves on a deliberate low-level "attack" against the USS Ticonderoga, formidable sister-ship of the now notorious cruiser Vincennes. "We don't worry that they'll lock on to the wrong target," he said. "Come as low as you like," the controller's voice called over the radio from the command centre of the Aegis battle system deep inside the warship, where we were just a "hostile aircraft" on a computerized screen. The Iranian Airbus must have looked just the same to the men on the Vincennes when it hove on to identical screens on July 3 and Captain Rogers decided to fire his Standard missiles. The silhouette of the "Tico" suddenly loomed from the haze and filled the windshield. Captain Otis Dinning pulled up and the radar-laden superstructure of the warship flashed by. Our Learjet entered a steep bank and we started another low run at the ship, already miles away and invisible again. Far from the heat of the Gulf, it was good fun to play sitting duck to the most awesome weapons system afloat. For Dinning and his co-pilot it was an ordinary day's work, flying for what must be the world's most unusual air force. His blue and beige Learjet, the sleek Ferrari of corporate planes, is one of a fleet of about 50 operated by Flight International, a civilian company which is doing booming business serving as the Pentagon's sparring partner. Fifty miles at sea off the southern Virginia coast, our first mission was to simulate a missile



"You want to try to make the operator go back to the manual mode," Sharp says. "Then you want to defeat the raw radar and make the guy think you're something else, somewhere else." Raw radar, which "paints" the reflected image as a blip on a screen, is what the Vincennes was not using. Its Aegis computers interpret the radar return and display it as a graphic, like a video game. It can track dozens of attacking planes and missiles simultaneously - something ordinary radar cannot do - but its video symbols do not allow the operator to make his own interpretations about the identity of the plane. According to navy lore, the men on the Ticonderoga - the first of the billion-dollar Aegis-type cruisers - coined the motto: "If it flies, it dies."

International helped the Pentagon develop Aegis, and next month the Learjets are off to California to help with improvements to the Aegis fire-control system. Jerry Rogers, a company vice-president who served until a few months ago as a general in the US Air Force's tactical command, says the contract was ordered long before the Airbus incident. "Stealth is so important that it's at a level of sanctity about the same as heavy water was in 1942," he says. Heavy water was a key ingredient in making the first atomic weapons. Meanwhile, learning from its low-tech troubles, the navy has called in Flight International to fly the type of slow-flying suicide attack that could be directed at a ship by terrorists or states using such tactics. The navy knew it had

old-fashioned radar blips so humans can identify them. Sitting in his office at Flight International's plush new headquarters in Virginia, Rogers is reluctant to talk about the other end of the electronic spectrum - Stealth. This is the technology now being developed in the utmost secrecy to build fighters and bombers which will be nearly invisible to radar. "Stealth is so important that it's at a level of sanctity about the same as heavy water was in 1942," he says. Heavy water was a key ingredient in making the first atomic weapons. Meanwhile, learning from its low-tech troubles, the navy has called in Flight International to fly the type of slow-flying suicide attack that could be directed at a ship by terrorists or states using such tactics. The navy knew it had

Playing for real: the USS Ticonderoga (above) prepares to test her Aegis battle system, while 2,900 feet overhead the Learjet's mission specialist (left) peers out to check on the tow-line to the decoy missile, a safe three miles behind

The Ticonderoga crew coined the motto: "If it flies, it dies"

a problem when, operating off Lebanon in 1983, the Ticonderoga's awesome system and its operators deep below decks failed to spot a small incoming plane that was visible to the naked eye. The men at Flight International say they will play the bandits for anyone, and they are looking for clients. Satisfied customers, as they put it, include the Italian and Dutch air forces. Down in the gleaming maintenance hangar, Rogers shows off his latest Lear, which is being stripped of the luxurious trimmings of its business-jet life and fitted out for the Farnborough show this summer. With electronic warfare growing ever more important, the company has never looked back since its founder and owner, Douglas Matthews, a former navy pilot, persuaded the Pentagon that it could get much better value for money by renting a ready-made "Russian air force" to test its defences. The company has just signed a \$100 million contract with the USAF and moved into the new headquarters at Newport News, hard by the world's biggest naval base at Norfolk, Virginia. Flight International does not go in for the close-in dog-fighting of the USAF's top-secret "Aggressor Squadron", where the pilots are taught Soviet doctrine and fly imitation MiGs. But Matthews, now aged 42, has just bought the company's first real fighter, an F-5 slightly used by the Norwegian air force. It is the only modern war machine in private hands, and Mike Lanning, Flight International's air force director, is trying to convince his old military employers that a bit of supersonic combat practice would be useful. Lanning excudes the same enthusiasm for the delights of jamming and electronic warfare as the rest of his comrades. Too bad, Lanning says, that Flight International cannot get much practice at jamming the ground radar that directs the air defences, the trouble is that they are sited in the same places as those for civil air traffic. Flight International also has ideas for playing havoc with the Awas flying radar stations. But the Learjets do often stage surprise sorties into US border air space, imitating Soviet tactics, to keep the air force on its toes. The air force pilots get a surprise when they intercept what they expect to be a Russian "Bear" and find a little corporate jet. The pilots of Flight International, about a third of them veterans of the Vietnam War, have obviously found the best way of mixing the realities of civvy street with something of the excitement of their service days. The alternatives are usually the controls of airliners or business jets. "The flying is unique," one of them says. "There are no passengers and no crying babies. Each mission can be different." Navy men, with their training in carriers - the most demanding flying skill - like to consider themselves the elite. But Mike Lanning, an ex-air force "jockey", rejects the idea that he could be inferior "to anyone dumb enough to land on an aircraft carrier, particularly at night".

Colours a shade mixed

Colours are very old and very mysterious words. How can we tell that the various words for blue have quite the same meaning in languages and lands where the clear sky and the deep sea are quite different shades of blue? We can't. Our blue, and its other Indo-European cognates, are probably related to the Latin flavus, which means yellow. How has yellow become blue? Take the favourite colour of the Romans, purple. The word comes from the shellfish they called purpura, perhaps chiefly Murex brandaris, from which they squeezed the purple dye that they used as a status symbol on their togas as a sign of wealth and power. The colour they meant seems to have ranged from blood-red to deep violet, depending on the technique used. So we are not surprised to find purpureus used to describe kings, and clothes, and Caesar, freshly-spilt blood, wine, plums and, pushing it a bit, pears. These are all purplish things, and Italian pears are better or at any rate

NEW WORDS FOR OLD

different from native breeds. But the old eyebrow does flicker when we find the Romans describing as purple the sun, moon, and stars, the raging sea, beautiful young persons, and even an oak tree in full leaf. I know they order these things differently in Italy. But purple oaks are going too far. You can say that the Romans were thinking of the sheen and ruddy glow rather than the actual colour. You could say that Italians are colour-blind. You could try saying that they so loved the vulgar colour that it became a pro-word meaning lovely rather than a descriptive colour word. But you must agree that the Roman purpureus is not quite the same in its connotations as our purple. Red is a very old and widespread Indo-European colour word, spread around the world from Sanskrit to Old Slavonic. It is used to describe such colours as blood, sunset clouds, rubies, and glowing coal. In Old English the vowel was long, read, but it has been shortened, as it has also in bread, dead, and the metal lead. The original long vowel is retained in surnames such as Red(e), Rede and Reid, denoting ancestral ginger-nuts in the family somewhere. It is a noisy, aggressive, bad-tempered colour, mercifully masked from those of us who are colour blind so that we cannot see the berries on a

rowan unless we stick our noses right up the tree. I am not a superstitious man, but when the place under the stairs where I type was painted scarlet, I got blinding headaches and could write no more. The chief symbolic meaning of red today is revolution and anarchy. This goes back long before the Russian Revolution. Blake: "Red rage re-dounds." Tennyson, Guinevere: "Red ruin, and the breaking up of laws." This metaphor goes back at least to the French Revolution, where those extremists who were always first in the queue to dye their hands in blood were known as Red Republicans. In popular folklore, red is the colour of magic. Yeats: "The caps of fairies and musicians are well-nigh always red." A more recent colour symbolist says: "Red, like blood and dawn, is associated with outer worldly activity and existence." It is a chameleon of colours. Give me green every time. Phillip Howard

SCIENCE REPORT

Ras tale unfolds

A gene of quite remarkable construction is perplexing molecular biologists, who are seeking to understand how genes exert their influence within the cells that carry them. The surprise is that the replacement of one chemical unit by another, in a supposedly functionless part of a gene, makes it that much more potent in a laboratory test of cancer. The gene is known as the ras gene, and was itself a focus of excitement six years ago when it was discovered that one of the simplest possible changes in the gene was sufficient to make it convert certain kinds of laboratory-maintained cells into an apparently malignant form. For a time that discovery seemed to point to an understanding of the causation of cancer in real life, which may yet prove to be the case. But the immediate result has been to suggest similarities between naturally occurring substances that regulate the growth of cells and the protein molecule called p21, whose production is controlled by the ras gene. The mutation of the ras gene, recognized six years ago, was strikingly simple, consisting merely of a single change of the twelfth amino acid in the string of amino acids that make up the p21 protein molecule. Simply, the amino acid called glycine is replaced by that called valine. Why such a small change should contribute to the development of cancer is still not understood.

The new development, reported in this week's Nature by Justus B. Cohen and Arthur D. Levinson from the American biotechnology company Genentech, is the discovery of a still more obscure mutation of the ras gene which, remarkably, enhances the potential of the gene to make laboratory test-cells malignant. The ras gene is itself a complicated structure, consisting of five apparently meaningful stretches of DNA separated by four stretches to which no function has yet been ascribed. That a gene should consist of alternating pieces of meaningful DNA (called "exons") and meaningless ones (called "introns") is rather the rule than the exception. In normal operation the whole length of the gene is first transcribed into an equivalent molecule of RNA, carrying identical genetic information. Then, in a process called splicing, the meaningless pieces of the RNA are removed before the

remaining molecule directs the synthesis of a protein molecule. What now emerges is that a ras gene isolated from a human bladder cancer differs from the gene in healthy tissue not merely in the mutation affecting the twelfth amino acid of p21, but also by another substitution of a second of the chemical units of the DNA. A second mutation is not in itself surprising, but it is startling that it occurs within one of the supposedly functionless introns, specifically that between the fourth and fifth exons. The second mutation occurs exactly 2,719 units along the length of the gene. So far as Cohen and Levinson know there are no differences between the gene from the bladder-cancer patient and the healthy versions of ras we all carry, except these two mutations. The authors of the research guess that the second mutation of the gene, at a site generally thought irrelevant to its function, may nevertheless affect the efficiency with which its product p21 is produced, but they seem as perplexed as most other molecular biologists to know why that should be. Whatever the explanation, the discovery is also further proof that introns are not just pieces of DNA meant to hold exons together. John Maddox

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TIMES DIARY

BARBARA AMIEL

When I first heard of Neil Kinnock's unhappy experience at Mozambique airport I had a nostalgic fit. It was not clear in the first few bulletins whether he and his party were travelling to or from Mozambique, but regardless, my sympathies went to all of them. At times like that, imprisoned in a blockhouse, one thinks longingly of a good hot bath and decent telephone service.

After my eleven days in a Mozambique prison in 1981, when the border guards didn't seem to recognize who I was either, I remember how eagerly I looked forward to washing my hair in a nice hotel room in Johannesburg. Perhaps Mr Kinnock was missing on similar conveniences in Harare.

It is particularly disturbing, I remember, to have Kalashnikovs waved at one. The AK-47 rifle which Mr Kinnock faced holds thirty rounds of 7.62mm cartridges: short lead bullets with a penetrating core of steel. It can, I am told, when set on automatic fire, spit out one hundred bullets in a minute, each leaving the short muzzle with a velocity of about 1,600 miles per hour. The gun is manufactured in various models in the Soviet Union as well as a number of other Warsaw Pact countries and used at short range it will split a man in half.

Yesterday morning the television news said that Mr Kinnock did not want his ordeal, which he described as "this unfortunate incident", to distract from the main issue of South Africa's aggression. It is enviable, I suppose, this ability of the moral relativists to forgive evils here but not there. I suppose the awful behaviour shown towards Mr Kinnock must not be blamed on the nature of Zimbabwe. It must be blamed on something else. The despotism of Zimbabwe or Mozambique, after all, may be as monstrous as apartheid, but these regimes are monsters made of the flesh and blood of Mr Kinnock's own philosophy.

Speaking of philosophies, I wondered what strange impulse was behind the appointment of Timothy Mitchell as organizing secretary for youth at Conservative Central Office. I couldn't get hold of Peter Morrison, the party's deputy chairman, to explain.

As I understood matters when last I glanced at the doings of the Young Conservatives, factionalism was rife after an election. It was won by the left-centre candidate, Martin Woodroffe, and affidavits alleging some sort of interference with ballots and possession of duplicate identification and ballot papers immediately went winging their way to Central Office. These concerns seem to have been met with sublime indifference at Central Office — a situation which does not, frankly, speak well of the state of the Conservative party's own moral imperative.

One might have thought that at the very least, attention having been drawn to this unfortunate state, Central Office would be vigilant in avoiding partisan appointments on either side of the great Tory divide. Instead, it has appointed Mitchell who, however innocent, was Woodroffe's campaign manager. This has sent seven of the twelve YC area chairmen leaping for their overcoats, or rather, for a policy of non-cooperation.

It seems so unnecessary and curiously destructive on the part of Central Office. I suppose it is all part of a sort of lazy self-satisfaction that one often finds in the administrative centres of power.

BARRY FANTONI



"You know, there's always someone worse off than yourself. Now take Neil Kinnock..."

It was rather intriguing to meet Soviet novelist Alexei Bitov last week on the first day of his first trip to Britain. He sat four places down the table from Natban (formerly Anatoly) Scharansky and clapped politely when Scharansky replied to a toast, but they did not speak. Scharansky said he understood Bitov's position, which is Moscow at the moment, and described him as a superb novelist of great intellectual strength who was on the edge of the dissidents. Bitov himself, a man of immense charm and natural modesty, was amused to see I was left-handed; this he associated with freedom since the Soviets still, apparently, forbid left-handed writing in school.

Carefully, Bitov explained to me how he could arithmetically predict the steps towards freedom in the Soviet Union and proceeded to give me an ingenious list of the twelve categories of writers that would eventually be published in that exact sequence. It began, as I recall, with Russian writers who are dead and have never been published in the West and ended with emigré Russians living in the West, alive and never published in the Soviet Union. It made perfect sense.

All the same, he explained, order still yields to arbitrary factors. "For example," he told me, "one day, suddenly, on Moscow television we had someone doing those hand signals for the deaf. Well, we don't have the luxury of worrying in the Soviet Union about the deaf or the handicapped, or even of men or women. For us there are only the working classes. But then we understood that someone in the Politburo must have a deaf relative. So, if there are a lot of left-handers there, one day they will make freedom to write with the left hand a new priority and it will just happen."

I asked him if he would talk to Scharansky after dinner. He said perhaps. Scharansky stayed on. But like Harry Lime, a cigarette cupped in his hand, Bitov was gone.

Atlanta
We are told there is a mood in America of cautious concern about the economy. Voters may decide they want as president a competent technocrat who shows the Democrats' natural sympathy for the unfortunate.

The opening of the Democratic convention has been overshadowed by the frequent but inconsistent remarks of the Rev Jessie Jackson. The Dukakis camp has been polite and responsive to his threats, complaints and demands. I predict that he will be bought off and the Democrats will have a splendid crowning for Dukakis.

The next problem will be to ensure that Jackson's black supporters vote for Dukakis. It will be obvious to the black voters in the South that Dukakis has decided to try to win back the old solid vote of white southern Democrats — men who in many instances voted for President Reagan. Senator Lloyd Benzen of Texas, who is to be Dukakis's running mate, is a symbol of reassurance to all Southern whites.

But what about the black Southern voters? They are hardly likely to vote for George Bush. But in the United States only about 60 per cent of the

Nicholas Budgen foresees a rift with a victorious Dukakis

Sanctions: collision ahead

electorate votes in a presidential election. The real risk is that black voters will feel that they have not been sufficiently courted by Dukakis and that come polling day in November, they will abstain.

Dukakis will wish to emphasize a policy which pleases the blacks. That issue will be South Africa. On Sunday the delegates to the convention were treated to a brunch at which former Vice-president Walter Mondale introduced the Mayor of Atlanta, Andrew Young, with a speech both elegant and adulatory.

Young, who was President Carter's ambassador to the United Nations, has been Mayor of Atlanta since 1982. This once dangerous radical is now a leader of a great section of the community which may be crucial in the next election.

The delegates to the convention all understood the importance of civil rights. Black

advancement since the reforms of the 1960s has changed the Democratic party. Its links with the white population of the South are looser, while those with the Southern blacks are stronger. A price has to be paid for the continued support of the blacks.

Civil and human rights are said to be part of the same idea. Andrew Young now emerges as a successful mayor who has presided over a period of fast economic growth in Atlanta, which has a substantial black population. He talks about a global agenda for human rights.

Then he asserts, with no apparent disapproval from his audience, that the US will establish a human rights agenda for the world.

It is said that the growth of Atlanta has been made possible by the civil rights movement. Thus when the US has established its agenda for worldwide

human rights, Young promises the same growth in Johannesburg as in Atlanta. He did not tell us whether he wanted the United States to conquer and occupy Johannesburg to enforce human rights. Perhaps it will be enough if he becomes mayor.

I cannot say how serious the Democrats are about human rights. Only time will tell whether a Democratic president will be prepared to pay any domestic price for the electoral advantage of attempting world government by the godly.

It seems to me that if Dukakis becomes president an open dispute between Britain and the United States over South Africa will be almost inevitable. The promises of the campaign will not be forgotten by America's increasingly rich and sophisticated black community. Sanctions against South Africa are already proposed by the Democratic majorities in the Congress.

Dukakis's style is moralistic and legalistic. It seems almost certain that this will be translated into disadvantages for American firms that trade with South Africa. Then there will be an attempt to get the United Nations to encourage — though it cannot impose — sanctions.

British policy on South Africa shows the old firm of Thatcher and Howe at its best. Mrs Thatcher is determined that she will not give an inch on sanctions to the Commonwealth, the United Nations or the United States. She recognizes that Britain has important interests to maintain in South Africa. Moreover, if sanctions were successful, they would harm not only the blacks in South Africa but neighbouring states with which Britain has very close relations. She rarely talks about human rights.

The Prime Minister's determination is balanced by the For-

eign Secretary's oratory. He talks about talks, promises concrete steps and avoids the drama of a telephone call. Sir Geoffrey beats his breast about the misfortunes of people convicted after the due process of law in South Africa. Since a British minister has no power or responsibility for the judicial process in South Africa it does no good but also does little harm. It deflects attention from the reality of British policy on South Africa and makes liberals the world over feel better. Britain's heart is shown to be in the right place.

I suppose a Tory ought not to smile in public about the inconsistency of our policy. Dukakis in the White House will make Britain understand that choices have to be made between British interests and international ideas of morality and even the legal basis of the United Nations. Perhaps these choices will lead to an open and properly argued dispute between Britain and the US. Many Tories will welcome an opportunity to point out the legitimate differences of interest between the two nations. We shall also cherish the greater independence and dignity that such recognition will bring.

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Robert Fisk

Death the only victor

hissing over our heads in such profusion as to drown the noise of the distant impact.

Could the Iraqis have stopped then, declaring this a border skirmish rather than an all-out war?

The memory works in a strange way in the Gulf War, flooding back and forth over the front lines of eight years, encapsulating a moment here and there — in an Iranian helicopter above the battle of Dezful, or among the Iraqi dead of the Fao peninsula — but failing always to illuminate the war in any meaningful way.

At Dezful, for example, in a Cobra gunship of the Iranian air force, flying so low over the battlefield that we clung to the fittings of the helicopter as we swayed between the low hills. There were no seat belts, not even seats, just a clutch of reporters, a few revolutionary guards and three mullahs speeding over the killing fields.

Iraqi tanks — dozens of them, their tracks buried in the mud — swept beneath us while here and there amid the long grass and the pale blue innocent swamp water there would be anti-air piles of Iraqi corpses, heaped so thick that their stench passed like a wave through our tiny helicopter.

They smell had brought the mullahs to their prayers. "God is great," they cried at us clutching pieces of cloth to their ecstatic faces to avoid the smell. Was this the moment when the Iraqis should have halted, should have accepted that Saddam Hussein's great Iraqi army had at last been humiliated after two years of war?

We are at Fao, in another helicopter after another victory, flying now past the Iranian gun line through the river mist into the very same town in which that Baathist militia man had vowed war to the end only five years before. Was he dead now or still vouchsafing his belief in victory? The helicopter lands us amid a deep, thick, some-like mud that clings threateningly to our legs as we stagger for cover.

There are bits and pieces of the Iraqi army still there; a broken military truck, a smashed jet with its incinerated pilot, a dead soldier, bent over as if at prayer,



a small picture of a young woman beside him. The Iraqis point across the steam bath of the Gulf to Bubiyan Island. "That is Kuwaiti territory — now we can see Kuwait," they shout. The very Arab Gulf states of the littoral now feel themselves threatened.

And when at last military reality — in the shape of massive Western and Eastern support for the Iraqis, their debts paid off by Saudi Arabia and Kuwait — turned the tables, all these victories of blood, the little Golgothas which we had witnessed for those few seconds, came to naught.

Iran and Iraq lay back where their great armies had started their travel, along the trenches of the international frontier, every bit as static as the forces of the Great War had proved themselves to be in Europe 70 years earlier. The scenes of Iranian victories — Fao, the Fish Lakes, Shalamchah — passed back so swiftly into Iraqi hands that one scarcely remembered

the Iranian successes there. Was there within those two enormous armies a Wilfred Owen, a Siegfried Sassoon? None that we ever found, save for the evidence of a few scribbled letters on dead men and the poetry of grief on the huge graveyards outside Tehran.

"Do not weep for me, father," one block of granite insisted in a cemetery below the Alborz mountains. But we were there just after the revolutionary guard was buried and his father did weep, most bitterly, while his mother handed round oranges to the visitors who had come to pay honour at the dead son's grave.

One suspects that the witnessing of wars tells one little about their ultimate political outcome. At the Fish Lakes, I remember seeing a young boy standing on the mud road under shell fire, disdaining his helmet, a martyr's cloth round his forehead, clutching a Koran to his heart, a sight so immensely impressive yet so devastatingly sad that one carried the image away with one, far

behind the lines. I recall an even younger boy — ten, he said he was — in a captured Iraqi dug-out west of Dezful who insisted in front of his older brother that he would go straight to heaven if he died fighting for the Islamic Republic.

Not far away, we had seen a pile of bodies being hurriedly buried, out of sight, the last mortal remains of equally young men whose souls had presumably already sped off to heaven with that very same alacrity.

If the Gulf War ceasefire now holds, there will be those who rejoice at the end of such terrible bloodshed. A million dead? Two million? No public institution in either Baghdad or Tehran has speculated on the true cost to its own side. And who won? Not the Iraqis who had sworn the overthrow of Saddam Hussein and the humiliation of America before they stopped fighting. And not the Iraqis, who had opened their invasion of Iran in 1980 with the statement that this was to be the "whirlwind war". It

was the slowest, most painful storm in the history of the Arab world.

The arms dealers of the West and of the East both won, of course, with the tacit permission of governments which wrung the hands at the human cost of the war while turning a blind eye to clearly fraudulent end-user certificates that sent their most sophisticated hardware to the young men of both sides.

The Americans may claim they won — up to a point — since Iran failed to crush its brutal opponent. But at what cost? For by the time Iran was accepting the UN ceasefire proposal, the US navy had so openly favoured the Iraqis in the war that the American armed forces had effectively taken the side of one of the bloodiest regimes in the Arab world. And Washington should not forget that Iran still has one powerful card in its hand — western hostages in Lebanon.

Yet in the stillness that follows this war, as the dead are unearthed by the plough over the coming months and years, there will be time to speculate on the shifting balances of power. For who now are the most battle-trained, battle-hardened soldiers in the Middle East? Once, we would have said the Israelis, but their most recent war, in Lebanon, ended in disaster and they can scarcely contain a revolt in their midst on the West Bank and in Gaza. Not the Egyptians, their strength weakened by the Camp David agreement. Hardly the Syrians, sucked into Lebanon, plotting their wars with proxy militias.

If we look at the terrain outside the Gulf War front lines there is a darker, more frightening picture. Kuwait historically always felt itself more threatened by Iraq than by Iran. Where now will Saddam Hussein's ambitions lie? And with Kabul's communist government collapsing, where else might the Iraqis throw their energies in the aftermath of war but Afghanistan? The West, if it is wise, will pour funds into Iran as well as Iraq to prevent the economic collapse that propelled Europe into a second world war. But the question will still remain. Two great armies now stand above all others in the region. Who will they fight next?

Commentary • ROBIN OAKLEY

The card no one picks

the poll tax would be the issue of a card which, incorporating a receipt for payment of the tax, would have to be produced for access to or provision of any local government service.

Given that the number of people paying the charge will be greater than for any other tax, and that people move about much more than the buildings on which rates are assessed, the IOD is almost certainly right. But ministers at the Department of the Environment did not even give the idea serious consideration. The dread words "civil liberties" whispered thrice by officials were enough to damn it right away.

But, the proponents of identity cards ask, what exactly is the objection? Most of us now carry cards to establish our identity in order to cash a cheque, buy on credit or gain entry to our workplace. We happily carry a driving licence, which the police can demand to see. Students and pensioners carry cards to obtain cheaper fares.

We have an NHS number and a National Insurance number. Identity cards are compulsory in some other EEC countries — among them West Germany, Greece and Belgium — and are available on request in France.

was that Labour's David Winnick, who opposed him, did not have to argue a real case. He merely said that identity cards were a practice far more associated with dictatorships than democracies, muttered about Eastern European practices and authoritarianism and won the vote.

It has been the same for years. Any mention of identity card schemes produces a ritual mention of Orwell, Kafka or the Gestapo and rational debate flies out of the window. And this government, because of its right-wing image, is more frightened than most of attracting the accusation of authoritarianism.

It all goes to show that civil liberties lobbies are a real force to be reckoned with in Britain today. A fortnight ago, for example, not one but two Bills backed by the low-budget but highly effective Campaign for Freedom of Information — Archy Kirkwood's Access to Medical Reports Bill and Chris Smith's Environment and Safety Information Bill — made it through the legislative process the same day.

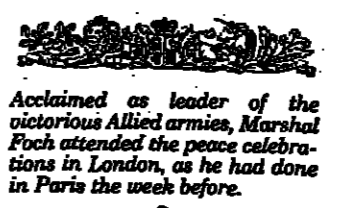
card, where it comes from and what use is made of it.

As for identity cards on a wider basis, "The problem is not the carrying of a card, it's the police powers that go with it." Would there be a penalty for not carrying it or not producing it? If it were computer readable, as seems likely if one were introduced today, there is concern over the information it would carry — for example, criminal convictions which might not be relevant to some of its uses. The NCCL need not worry. At this stage the police are telling the Home Office that identifying people is not a problem and the Home Office, while it keeps a reasonably open mind on identity cards, is certainly not going to rush in with proposals unless there is strong police pressure to do so.

Ministers have learned painfully from the firearms legislation which followed the Hungerford massacre that dashing for the statute book so as to be seen to react to an immediate public concern can prove painful. They will react to any further intensification of the so far rather simplistic pressure for identity cards by saying that more debate is needed. And with the football club registration scheme now going ahead, anything that happens in this field will happen gradually, one small step at a time.

On balance, civil liberty weighs more heavily than a vague notion of social benefit — for the moment.

JULY 19 ON THIS DAY 1919



Acclaimed as leader of the victorious Allied armies, Marshal Foch attended the peace celebrations in London, as he had done in Paris the week before.

FOCH Outside The Carlton

(From a Correspondent)
The desire to see great men is one of the redeeming features of the human race, and it was much to the fore a little after 11 yesterday morning. Barely had Marshal Foch arrived at the Carlton Hotel than a crowd of extraordinary respectability surged against the eastern aspect of that noble and very British-looking pile of brick.

The middle classes, mostly of middle age, assembled, if so seemingly a word can be used, in the Haymarket, were determined to see the Man who had led the Armies to victory. The July sun shone down on the morning mob, on the representatives of the clergy, professional and business classes who had hastened through breakfast — in best bib and tucker — to welcome the great Frenchman. It was a friendly crowd, lightly jammied and slightly pensive. All sense of fitness was lost. Dainty ladies climbed dangerous railings with the agility of lizards; elderly clergy supported the stalwart forms of their elderly wives in positions that would have shocked the Victorian age. But there was only one thought in every mind: he is in there, and we must see him. So stolidly, clutchingly, they waited and were prepared to wait the whole day

until the Man appeared. He did not keep them long.

In a very few minutes a window opened and there came out on a little balcony a figure that was at once recognised and greeted in a fashion that must have astonished even Marshal Foch. Such passionate spontaneous cheering springing as it seemed from the very souls of that massed multitude, can never before have ever greeted any foreigner.

But what manner of man was this great commander, to the outward eye of the common British citizen? Though he was in uniform, he did not look "every inch a soldier" at all. He looked like a rather nervous professor being acclaimed by his pupils; he looked tired, as doubtless he was, though he certainly did not look bored.

Slowly the crowd of respectable citizens dissolved into its elements and speckled up torn garments and the satisfied desire to gaze upon the man who is destined to be regarded as one of the very great men of history. The crowd had looked upon the third of the three great Latin commanders: Caesar, Napoleon, Foch. They perhaps hardly realized that the third had turned the great Art of Arms into almost an applied exact Science while taking up into the Apparatus of Arms the will power to conquer and the brain power to foresee which were the main weapons of Caesar and Napoleon. They perhaps also hardly realized as they gazed upon that slight, tired, meditative figure, that they were looking upon a man who had arrested the apparent deflection of the course of world history which German predominance had portended and had given Christian civilization one more chance.



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PEACE IN THE GULF AT LAST?

Nearly eight years after Iraq began the Gulf War, it appears that Iran is ready to end its economy almost bankrupted, its manpower depleted and its morale at last exhausted by the fighting, the Islamic Republic agreed yesterday to UN Security Council Resolution 598, whose demand for a ceasefire is one year old tomorrow. Both sides could now lay down their arms within 10 days.

It is less of a surprise than it would have been 12 months ago. Whether this is the end, or an armistice which has been forced upon the Iranians, is unclear. But there have been signs for several weeks now of changing attitudes in Tehran.

After the initial advance by Iraq's armoured divisions in the autumn of 1980, and the counter-thrust by Iran which threw them back again, the Gulf War became one of attrition. Ayatollah Khomeini's revolutionary guards hurled themselves forward on one "final offensive" after another, only to be destroyed by the Soviet-made artillery dug in around Iraq's major towns and bases.

Frustrated by their failure to break through, the antagonists tried to rupture each other's economies and morale. The Iraqis used their superior air and missile power, to hit Iranian cities, oil installations and visiting ships. The Iraqis tried to deter Iraq's Arab allies by attacking their tankers sailing through the Gulf. While Iraq in desperation sued for peace, Iran retained its faith in Allah and total victory.

Two factors lie behind yesterday's change of heart. One is that Iraq, in the end, had the stronger strategy. In the first place it had many more friends, including the Soviet Union, so was able to build up an impregnable defence.

In the second place, by switching its war effort to the shipping lanes of the Gulf, it internationalized the conflict.

The result was Resolution 598, which called for a ceasefire and a return to pre-war borders. By quickly accepting it the Iraqis put the obstinate Iranians in the wrong, and ensured that international pressure was concentrated on Tehran.

The second factor behind yesterday's announcement, is the strengthening voice of moderation in Tehran. Hitherto all attempts to

negotiate have been blocked by fanaticism.

This was not as irrational as it seemed. The struggle against Iraq was represented as a symbol of their fundamentalist revolution. Not only that, but it kept under-employed young men hundreds of miles away from Tehran, on the battle-front, and distracted attention from political and economic grievances.

These two factors, Iraqi strategy and the growth of moderation in Tehran, came together this spring, when the tide of fortune in the fighting suddenly turned. Iran's increasingly youthful revolutionary guards suddenly began to crumble against the vastly superior Iraqi armour and artillery. By last week Iranian forces had surrendered all the territory they had won and fallen back to their pre-war 1980 boundaries.

Earlier this year, amid signs of growing restiveness among the more outspoken young people, even Ayatollah Khomeini seemed to be wavering. First he helped through a Bill for land reform, despite the opposition of Islamic diehards; then he appointed the relatively moderate Mr Ali Akbar Rafsanjani, Speaker of the Iranian Parliament, acting head of the armed forces.

Abroad, Iran has sought to repair its relations with other countries like France and Britain. It has even shown some care for its relations with the United States, "the great Satan" of fundamentalist mythology, by acting with comparative restraint over the shooting down of its airliner two weeks ago over the Gulf. Mr Rafsanjani made clear in June that he was willing to seek an end to the war by diplomatic means, and that total victory was no longer the only path to peace.

The conclusion must be that even the Iranians, in adversity, have shown a healthy respect for their own interests. With an estimated one million dead in the Gulf War, one can only welcome this overdue development, and hope that the UN Secretary-General's hopes of an actual ceasefire in less than two weeks can now be realized. The world will still be left with an unpleasant, volatile regime in Tehran, which could be more dangerous in peace than it has been at war. But the first objective must be to end the fighting.

THE RETURN OF SIR ALAN WALTERS

The immediate reaction in the City to Mr Nigel Lawson's sixth half-point rise in Bank base rates since the beginning of last month was one of disappointment. Why does the Chancellor not have the courage of his convictions and raise rates by a full point or even two, dealing room pundits were asking. Has he not lost control of the situation by waiting until money market rates are already signalling a rise?

These criticisms rather miss the point of the Chancellor's strategy. In the past, interest rates were usually raised by not less than 1 per cent in order to maximize the psychological effect of the change and its effect on people's behaviour. But Mr Lawson's policy is founded on a stable pound. Pressures on sterling, if sustained, will tend to prompt a move in interest rates, and large movements would risk instability rather than stability by encouraging the foreign exchange markets to conclude that having reached a particular level of interest rates sterling had become a one-way bet. A policy of moving interest rates little and often grows directly out of the present policy towards exchange rates.

Rates are now approaching the appropriate level. Practically every indicator, including the balance of payments, retail sales, the money supply and inflation, has been indicating that the economy has been growing too fast to prevent a rise in inflation. The combination of higher interest rates, a stronger pound and lower oil prices means monetary conditions are now clearly more restrictive than they were just before the stock market crash last October. The worldwide relaxation of monetary policy in response to Black Monday has now, at least in Britain, been more than reversed.

The question, sharpened by the possible return of Sir Alan Walters as an adviser to the Prime Minister, is whether it was right to allow rates to fall during the spring. Sir Alan's view, of which he has made no secret, is that the Government should not attempt to stabilize the exchange rate and that interest rates should

be set solely with the objective of controlling the money supply and inflation.

The answer surely depends on the Government's underlying commitment to curbing inflation, people's perception of that commitment and the sort of timescale one is talking about. It is difficult to argue that a temporary reduction in interest rates for a period of less than three months, in pursuit of a policy designed to link the pound to a low-inflation currency like the mark, will have been inflationary. On the plus side the Government has avoided the pain and disruption to industry of a steep rise in the pound - more important according to the Confederation of British Industry than keeping interest rates stable.

Judiciously voiced, Sir Alan's views will be a welcome addition to the economic policy debate. The context has moved on from the (short) period of blind certainty into a period of more pragmatic discussion. There are no easy answers to the problem of devising an effective monetary policy, especially in an open economy like Britain's, and Sir Alan has a powerful point of view to express.

But there is no doubt that news of his likely return has renewed in an unhelpful way uncertainty both about Mr Lawson's political position within the Government and about the longer term direction of Government policy. The Chancellor has tried to refine the policy weapons by which inflation is fought and this refined policy framework will become more effective the more the markets get used to it. Despite Sir Alan's emphasis on the degree of agreement between himself and Mr Lawson he is clearly opposed to the central tenet of present policy, namely a stable exchange rate. This is bound to be unsettling.

A Chancellor can hardly survive without clear backing from the Prime Minister. Mrs Thatcher should make it clear that economic policy will continue to be made in Great George Street.

MR KINNOCK'S AFRICAN ADVENTURE

The scene which ended Mr Kinnock's visit to Africa has already struck some in his home country as akin to an episode from Evelyn Waugh's *Scoop*. The picture of the Labour leader and a dozen British journalists detained by gun-brandishing Zimbabwean soldiers in the small waiting room at an airstrip at Mutare, and passing the time by singing *Jerusalem* while a welcoming party waited in vain at Grand Reef, belongs to the world of comedy.

On the other hand, Mr Kinnock's personal reactions to it were something else. The reports of the aspiring British Prime Minister falling into a rage and replying in four-letter terms to a corporal who had used them to him does not inspire confidence. It is understandable in human terms, but displaying a loss of temper does not suggest the self-control expected from a claimant to 10 Downing Street.

Unfortunately, however, Mr Kinnock's reactions to this understandably infuriating mishap seemed to be in a fitting key with which he 10 round off his trip to the frontline states. He is for one thing, regaled a Botswana audience has, for one thing, regaled a Botswana audience with a tasteless joke about Mr Denis Thatcher with a tasteless joke about Mr Denis Thatcher trying to get a word in edgeways on his death-bed which, even if it struck any of Mr Kinnock's audience as funny, achieved nothing to offset the offence it has given to those in Britain less committed to his cause.

Indeed, and this is the main indictment against him, it was to no practical purpose since Mr Kinnock has no voters in Botswana. It broke two iron laws of politics: politicians must not wantonly indulge their own sense of humour if disadvantage comes of it, or curry favour with those who have no favour to give. Mr Kinnock has also explained to Africa his reasons for not being a Christian in bizarre terms which can only provoke questions about

his reasoning processes. He would, he said, be a Christian were it not for the fact that he finds himself "unable to completely concede the ultimate idea of forgiveness in the face of great evil". He appeared particularly to relate this to the wrong of South African apartheid.

Not to be a Christian because of inability to believe in God is a position to respect. For the principal obstacle to be the difficulty of finding forgiveness (a problem for Christians also) is not only odd. It implies a personal pride in political vehemence which augurs ill for the practice of real politics.

For the rest, he has inveighed against the South African Government as "murderous, incompetent cowards," but has failed to condemn the violence of the African National Congress, declaring that it is "unavoidable," and criticizing it simply as "unproductive" - a pretty gingerly way of describing some of the more ghastly and wanton murders of blacks and whites in South Africa.

Finally, by accusing Mrs Thatcher of deviousness and hypocrisy, he has again broken the convention that British politicians do not attack their government when abroad. That, of course, was nothing new; he did it in India. But the ill manners annoy many in Britain and do Mr Kinnock little good even among his own supporters who already know what he thinks.

The impression left by this tour is that Mr Kinnock has been wasting his opportunities and his verbal ammunition. He does not seem to have approached his tour as an opportunity to learn so much as a chance to speak. He has demonstrated with a new clarity his principal failings as a politician by letting his mouth run away with him again.

Taking the gamble out of air travel

From the Chairman of British Airways plc

Sir, The recent difficulties being experienced by a number of holidaymakers on routes to European holiday destinations raise a number of issues fundamental to the future of UK and European civil aviation.

The unfortunate circumstances in which those holidaymakers find themselves has forced a considerable number of problems into sharp focus. We should not allow that focus to become blurred as the backlog of passengers is cleared.

Whilst much of the criticism of our own Department of Transport and the Civil Aviation Authority should have been more fairly aimed at their foreign counterparts, there is a longer term need for all parties involved in delivering and maintaining the airlines, the BAA, the CAA, tour operators, charter airlines, and tourist authorities - to be able to contribute to the process which will ensure that long-term planning is actively managed and that long-term growth is properly catered for. In the final analysis we share a common objective and serve a common consumer.

The airline and holiday businesses are of major commercial significance to the UK. They are major revenue earners and provide jobs for millions. The image of those industries has been badly tarnished, arguably as a result of external influences. It has, however, highlighted issues which cannot be ignored.

The need for comprehensive forward planning is only one. To that needs to be added airport

terminal capacity; the integrity of the charter product at peak times and under pressure; the future development and co-ordination of European air-traffic control; night jet bans at airports, given the advances in engine technology and noise levels; and where, within the existing airport system, the future growth of charter operations can most efficiently be met.

The CAA has two studies under way which will address some of these issues. The authority's recommendations on UK airport capacity and demand to 2005 are due in 12 months from now. A separate study on the maximum utilisation of existing airspace to 1995 is due in November this year.

These and other issues to which I have referred are vital considerations in the industry's future planning. We must ensure that all possible sources of opinion, resource, and expertise are applied to the task of finding a solution.

At British Airways we have been more fortunate than some in managing to maintain a degree of service which has protected many of our customers from some of the worst disruptions. To do so we have drawn heavily on all our resources. Those resources are finite. Neither we nor others in the industry can afford an annual gamble on whether we are able to cope with problems increasing at the rate which some are predicting.

Yours faithfully,
KING, Chairman,
British Airways plc,
Enserch House,
8 St James's Square, SW1,
July 18.

Shortage of nurses

From Dr Jill M. Hows and Professor J. M. Goldman

Sir, In view of the nurses' recent pay award, one might imagine that order is restored within the National Health Service. Regrettably, this is not true, at least in centres where the shortage of qualified nurses, especially in intensive-care units, is still acute.

At the Hammersmith Hospital it has proved impossible in recent months to transfer critically-ill patients from general wards to the hospital's intensive-care unit. Formerly there are 10 such beds, but lack of qualified staff has reduced the operational number on occasion to as few as three.

Four patients treated by the haematology unit in recent months, who needed emergency intensive care, could not be admitted to the hospital's intensive-care unit. Two were transferred to other hospitals on mechanical ventilators, one was too sick for transfer, and one patient was eventually accepted on the intensive-care unit after we had located

a qualified off-duty staff nurse working at another hospital, who agreed to come temporarily to the Hammersmith.

There is no doubt that this shortage of nursing staff contributes to the death of individual patients who could otherwise survive their acute illness. Despite the recent pay increases, the salaries offered to qualified and highly-skilled nurses, who work in specialised and often stressful areas, are still grossly inadequate and do not compete with those paid for comparable jobs in the private sector.

Further differentials in salary scales are required to attract staff. In London the high cost of housing and rented accommodation and the special difficulties for the commuter justify a very substantial increase in the "London weighting" payable to nurses.

Yours faithfully,
J. M. HOWS,
J. M. GOLDMAN,
Royal Postgraduate Medical School,
Hammersmith Hospital,
Du Cane Road, W12.

Surgeons' skills

From the President of the Hospital Consultants and Specialists Association

Sir, May I suggest that in her article, "The surgeons' dilemma" (Health Page, July 7), Jill Sherman brought attention to the obvious. The more experienced a practitioner of any art becomes, the better the performance. There is nothing revolutionary in surgeons assessing their results; confidential deaths, "death and disasters" conferences have been part of most surgical units since training of surgeons began.

The recent confidential enquiry into perioperative deaths formalised this practice. Indeed, it is only by reviewing our results and assessing our performances that advances in surgical and medical care are made and the develop-

ment of different specialties can occur.

It is, however, a dangerous step to argue from this, as does Mrs Cumberlege, Chairman of the National Association of Health Authorities, that consultants should be responsible to their health authority managers for their clinical performance. The standards of care are the responsibilities of the royal colleges of surgeons, but the responsibility of the surgeon must always be primarily to his patient.

Yours faithfully,
K. W. R. TUSON,
President,
Hospital Consultants and Specialists Association,
The Old Court House,
London Road,
Ascol, Berkshire,
July 11.

Feeling the pinch

From Mr P. D. Graham

Sir, The week has been full of comment aimed at reflecting the success or otherwise of the National Health Service. I would like to point out a particular oversight in health service provision - available to every citizen of this country.

Ironically, they are least available to those who fund the health service through their taxes. The service is mainly limited to the elderly and at best only one in four of these can expect to receive any treatment via the health service.

All this contrasts markedly with the Government attitude in times

of crisis. In both the first and second world wars it was thought very necessary to form a "chiropractic corps". Indeed this need for skilled foot-care became apparent once again during the Falklands war.

As a chiroprapist I have the option to work either in the private or public sector. However, as a citizen I wish feet were allowed the same status as eyes, ears, and teeth within the nation's health-care system. It would appear feet can only look forward to another 40 years out in the cold. Yours sincerely,
P. D. GRAHAM,
53c North Street,
Carshalton, Surrey,
July 5.

Official trivia

From Mr Graham Greene, OM, CH

Sir, I think that Mr Bernard Levin (July 11) takes a rather too friendly view of the American treatment of "official secrets" compared with our own. He writes that the Freedom of Information Act throws open to inspection every file other than genuinely secret ones.

In 1984 I obtained my dossier, 45 pages of material of which nearly 16 had been blacked out in heavy ink. I very much doubt whether I was ever in a position to know "genuinely secret" information about the USA.

However, it amused me to put up my dossier at Sotheby's. I received a very good price in return, so that I wonder now whether it might be worth my while to obtain a second instalment and later a third one, a good means of earning a livelihood in old age.

Yours truly,
GRAHAM GREENE,
Antibes, France,
July 13.

West Bank violence

From the Head of the League of Arab States Mission, London

Sir, With reference to the Israeli Ambassador's letter of July 5, I was considerably shaken and enraged by his bizarre use of the term "resident" when describing the Palestinians who are, after all, the only rightful citizens of the Occupied Territories.

I have rarely encountered such an endeavour to stifle and gloss over the rights of the Palestinian people who have inhabited this land for hundreds of years. Does the Ambassador wish to suggest that families and generations are no more than birds of passage resting for a year or two by the gate of Zion?

If so, what are we to call the "settlers", illegal usurpers of another man's land? Logically, bluntly and tragically, they are invaders. Yours faithfully,
ASSAAD MOUKADEM,
League of Arab States Office,
52 Green Street, W1,
July 11.

Parent power under Education Bill

From Mr P. M. Liell

Sir, In your second leader on July 14, "Back to school", you began: All in all it has been a good seven days for parent power. The success of a group of Derbyshire parents in blocking the merger of two comprehensive schools was followed by yesterday's victory for the Dewsbury parents who were happier that their children be taught in a pub than at a predominantly Asian school.

As the Education Reform Bill returns to the House of Commons from the House of Lords, one of the big questions yet to be resolved is this: in a parents' ballot to decide whether a school "opts out" of local education authority control, who is entitled to vote?

The Bill leaves it to the school's governing body to decide who qualifies as "a parent". The governing body will gain little assistance from the statutory definition in the Education Act 1944, which is to be incorporated in the Education Reform Act.

As Lord Morton of Shuna suggested during the Bill's third reading on July 7, a pupil whose parents have divorced and remarried, whose home is for the time being with his or her grandmother and grandfather, may have six "Education Act parents".

Whether or not the Government accepts the House of Lords' amendment requiring a majority of all parents, in substitution for the original requirement (simple majority of parents voting), the crucial question is, who is "a parent" for this purpose?

The question is more easily posed than answered. One vote per pupil would give the single parent of two pupils two votes, 2/0 on the "pupil/parent ratio" (ppr). The husband-and-wife parents of two pupils would have two votes, 1/0 ppr, the husband-and-wife parents of four pupils, 0.5 ppr; and for the divorced-and-remarried parents of the pupil living with granny and grandpa there would be one vote among six, approximately 0.16 ppr.

In deciding which meaning of "parent" to plump for, the House of Commons may wish to consider the relative weight to be given to (1) the ballot-box power of "the parent" and (2) the mute powerlessness of the school's children, present and future, whose education will be affected. Once a school has opted out it cannot opt back in. Yours faithfully,
PETER LIELL,
184 Divinity Road, Oxford,
July 15.

From the Director of the Industrial Society

Sir, Betty Jermyn, in her article, "The ruling class" (Wednesday Page, July 13) may inadvertently have given the impression that from September 1, 1988, parents will be the main single driving force on school governing bodies.

It is important that we understand the law also requires governing bodies to include representation from the business community (Of course, we recognise that parents themselves are often that, too).

The 1986 Education Act and the

legislation currently before Parliament will not only change the composition of governing bodies but will demand much more of them. Political in-fighting, rubber-stamping and ceremonial attentiveness will no longer be the order of the day; governors will now have a vital role in matters as fundamental as financial management and curriculum development.

Strategic planning must replace pure administration and crisis management. Governors from the business community can offer schools their expertise to help them cope with the challenges of the future.

Given the dramatic fall in school leavers expected in the next decade, it is essential employers and trade unions make school governors a matter of concern at boardroom and executive committee level.

The benefits are there for the taking for both industry and education, but our experience shows that while some organisations are taking action now, most are simply unaware of the possibilities.

The nation has no more precious asset than its young people and organisations should invest time and effort in them now or we will all be the poorer as we approach the next century.

Yours faithfully,
ALISTAIR GRAHAM, Director,
The Industrial Society,
Peter Range House,
3 Carlton House Terrace, SW1,
July 14.

From Captain R. E. Roe, RN (ret'd)

Sir, You rightly draw attention (leading article, July 1) to the problems associated with the financial control of schools that leave the education authorities. It is not realistic that this can be achieved by governors or heads with "clerical assistance". No independent school could manage their estates and financial affairs without a bursar, whose status must be equivalent to that of the deputy head.

A bursar will be essential in the planning stage of "independence" and should be appointed forthwith (at whose expense?) with his/her future dependent on the final decision on independence. Yours faithfully,
RICHARD E. ROE,
Hill Farm, Buckhorn Weston,
Gillingham, Dorset,
July 3.

First lesson

From Mr J. D. Peck

Sir, Your feature on Oakham School (July 12) revived the memory of the morning I took my son for an interview with the Head. He had told me that his secretary was away and asked me to knock on the door marked "Headmaster's Secretary".

Driving home, I asked my son what he thought of the school. He was clearly impressed. "If that was the headmaster's secretary", he replied, "what price the headmaster?"

Yours faithfully,
J. D. PECK,
23 Manor Road, Dorridge,
Solihull, West Midlands,
July 13.

British goods

From Mr John Peck

Sir, Mr J. Denys Johnson's letter (June 30), with which I fully agree, prompts me to record that a week ago my wife and I entered a well-known West End cheesemonger's to stock up on our favourite English cheeses, unobtainable where we live abroad. We were waylaid at the entrance by a charming young lady, dressed in Dutch peasant costume, who apparently with the manager's consent, sought to browbeat us into buying Dutch cheeses.

We resisted this pressure, but other customers who came in after us fell for it. Meanwhile, nobody vaunted the merits of the excellent English cheeses stacked modestly in the background.

Romeo and sex

From Mr Ronald R. Butters

Sir, Peter Brimelow's recent "Commentary" piece, headed "Romeo and sex object" (June 11), is a ludicrous caricature of the present condition of humanities in "great American universities". He paints a picture of English departments conquered by mindless leftists bent upon a sort of neo-Stalinist appropriation of literature as a weapon of class struggle.

I have been a member of the English department at Duke University - one of the institutions which he singles out by name as "whoring after strange doctrine" - for 21 years and I must simply pull rank on him: what he says about us is pure nonsense.

Long-standing effect

From Captain Sam Lombard-Hobson, RN

Sir, I sympathise with Mrs Williams' standing-room only experience on British Rail (July 14). I was strap-hanging in an overcrowded rush-hour train from Greenwich alongside three similarly suspended local ladies. Comfortably seated was a youth wearing Walkman earphones.

Lifting one earpiece, I said into the machine: "Young man, there are ladies standing - get up". Turning bright red and in wonderment, clearly not having been taught how a gentleman should behave, the boy shuffled to his feet; whereupon the three vixens whipped round on me shouting: "Leave 'im alone, 'e ain't done

you no 'arm", and continued to stand.

Accoutred as I was in collar and tie and bowler hat, having just come from a function at the RN College, I got their point: they were not going to be pushed around by an SW1 toff on their SE1 train.

As a senior OAP approaching his eighties I was tempted to fill the now empty seat, if only to hear what further reproach they might utter. But, 3-to-1 against, though 6ft 5in tall, I fumbled it and feigned as low as possible a profile for the rest of the journey.

Yours truly,
S. H. LOMBARD-HOBSON,
The Vine House, Sherrington,
Warminster, Wiltshire,
July 14.

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THE ARTS

John Russell Taylor on the National Portrait Gallery in London and its new "extension" in North Wales

Home and away wins

GALLERIES

First the Tate Gallery in the North of England, then the National Portrait Gallery in North Wales. The NPG is, of course, a complete stranger to taking art out of London: it already has three country house extensions devoted to its overspill of 17th and 18th-century portraits. But Bodelwyddan Castle, Clwyd, is quite a different matter.

It is emphatically not just a repository for pictures unwanted in London: indeed, at a glance it is evident that some of the gallery's most important 19th-century portraits have found their way here, notably the block of paintings from George Frederick Watts's projected Victorian Hall of Fame. Also, it is far from being a simple matter of furnishing a ready-made stately home with suitable pictures, but in fact an ambitious piece of conversion/re-creation much more along the lines of what the Tate has recently been doing in Liverpool.

Bodelwyddan was, when taken over by Clwyd County Council from a girls' school recently defunct, a dog's dinner of a house. Buried in the middle of it was a Jacobean core, traces of which survive in the main staircase. Other rooms remained defiantly Soane-ish and Regency.

But the overall impression was of early Victorian gothicization, complete with mouldering turrets and derelict *Jane Eyre*-type interiors. The whole thing needed repairing, but more than that, remaking as a suitable background to the NPG's Victorian collection, or at any rate such of it as seemed to call for possible housing on a comfortable domestic scale.

The results produced by the combined talents of Roderick Gradidge, architect/designer, and Susan Foister, picture selector and hanger, are an unmitigated triumph. As far as the house is concerned, Gradidge has aimed to make backgrounds particularly suitable for the hanging of pictures (plus contemporary furniture lent by the V & A and the Royal Academy's long-unseen collection of John Gibson sculpture), while at the same time more or less inventing a suite of interiors which give the impression of pleasingly erratic development from generation to generation.

Within these rooms, partially



Sub-Morris setting: Louis Deuchars's portrait of painter G.F. Watts, 1897, now at Bodelwyddan Castle

inspiring and partially inspired by them, are the most fascinating series of 19th-century portraits. In what has been designated the "Ladies' Drawing Room" a Biedermeier interior matches exactly the mostly early Victorian portraits of women.

The Drawing Room proper takes its principal colour from illustrations of Fonthill, its *trompe-l'oeil* "stoning" on the plaster vault from the special skills

of Messrs Hesp and Jones and its artistic contents primarily from the world of the once-famous John Gibson, exemplified in several white marble statues and a sharp-eyed portrait by Margaret Sarah Carpenter. (It is interesting to note incidentally, how many highly professional Victorian women artists are included here.) As well as the Watts portraits, given a hall decorated in sub-Morris style all to themselves,

there are important portraits by such other Victorian notables as Holman Hunt, Ford Madox Brown, Herkomer, Sargent and Alma-Tadema, and a fascinating explanatory display on Victorian portraiture upstairs, which includes an unexpected bonus of self-portraits as well as some of the NPG's now extensive photographic collection. There is also the first of an envisaged series of temporary

exhibitions on the top floor: "The Artist's Journey through North Wales: Clwyd" (until 1989) gives us vivid glimpses of how artists saw this area in the 18th and 19th centuries, how many places have changed radically and how many hardly at all.

If Bodelwyddan seems destined to be a major attraction, even for Londoners, but certainly for the millions in its catchment area (which includes much of Midland and Northern England as well as Wales), we should not suppose therefore that, back at the ranch, continuing concerns are being neglected. As it happens, the NPG in London has a major exhibition, *The John Player Portrait Awards 1988* (until September 4).

The Portrait Awards as usual raise the question of who paints portraits nowadays, who wants them, and what for. This year the majority seem more confident of their right to exist, just as portraits, and few, if any, are masquerading as genre pictures with the function of personal portrayal quite incidental.

The most arguable part of the show, the inclusion of photographs of the subjects alongside the painted renderings, persists, but at least this year there is more interest in seeing how the painting diverges from the photographic image than in observing with what skill the painter captures every feature of the photograph, down to the last irrelevant lens distortion, in the glory of paint.

It is intriguing to observe from the photograph, for instance, that Allan Ramsey, winner of the first prize for a self-portrait, actually does look rather like Beckmann in middle age, thereby curiously substantiating the Beckmann-like quality of the painting itself. The two people in Steven Williams's short-listed Double Portrait look in their photographs quite normal, and even attractive: it is good to know that their agonizing and ugliness in the painting owe more to a careful scrutiny of Lucian Freud than to life.

Equally, one presumes that it is only human nature for the male painters to represent themselves as much rougher and more macho than their snapshots suggest, while the female painters see themselves as much cuter and daintier. Finally, the prevalence of self-portraits does seem to leave the who-wants-it part of the initial question hanging.



Salome yes, Liebestod no: Esa-Pekka Salonen and Montserrat Caballé

Under its spell

Granada Festival

One day into the 37th Granada Festival, and already a scandal. Montserrat Caballé, a veritable national hero, crossed swords with Esa-Pekka Salonen, the Philharmonia Orchestra's relative stripping of a conductor, over the time he had left for her to rehearse the Liebestod from *Tristan und Isolde*, which, together with the final scene of Strauss's *Salome*, had been fitted slightly inconspicuously into a programme otherwise containing Stravinsky's *Jeu de Cartes* and Debussy's *Ibéria*. Result: no Liebestod, one front page lead for the local paper, and an apology to the *diva* from Salonen.

I flew in a day late for that concert, though reliable sources avowed that Stravinsky and Debussy had been superbly played. But the next night also belonged to the Philharmonia, which again performed in the magnificent circular courtyard of Carlos V's Palace at Alhambra.

Their reading of Beethoven's Fourth Piano Concerto, with Alicia de Larrocha giving a strong handed if rather lumpy account of the solo part, suggested that much of the same thing, without the tantrums, had occurred in the last rehearsal for this concert. The orchestral contribution was rather less than impeccably delivered, with some tentative ensemble work from the strings, in particular. But Bruckner's Fourth Symphony had splendour and assurance in plenty. Though its sheer breadth did not appeal to everyone in the late night audience, it felt right that all those majestic climaxes should, for once, be allowed to reach the heavens unimpeded.

As for Caballé, she later gave, with Larrocha, a recital in the same auditorium, devoted to the strange, simple and affecting music of Frederic Mompou, who died last year, in the presence of his widow. Larrocha's playing of pieces like the *Impresiones Intimas* and the fourth part of the *Musica callada* collection was properly intimate, but Caballé, disappointingly, found herself unable to scale her voice down adequately, though there were some marvellously poised and concentrated moments even when, as on a couple of occasions, she confused her lines.

As Mompou was rightly commemorated, so, with a whole season of guitar recitals, was Segovia. Alas, Julian Bream was unable to fulfil his engagement, but the festival organizers found the perfect replacement in Pepe Romero, a local boy made good, who flew from his adoptive home in the United States at short notice to deliver a virtuosic but thoroughly musical, thoroughly Hispanic recital.

Other events I sampled in this

FESTIVAL

miniature festival within a festival included a sparkling concert of flamenco by Gerardo Núñez and a private recital and reception in the gardens of a *carmen*, where, in a touching ceremony, Segovia's widow received a presentation.

Spain, with its currently enlightened policies of arts funding, seems determined to take British musicians to its heart as well as Spanish. Granada, for instance, flew over a hundred members of the Brighton Festival Chorus for the sole purpose of giving what was a fulsome, well disciplined and moving account of Mozart's *C minor Mass*, with the Dutch Chamber Orchestra under the Spanish conductor Antoni Ros-Marbá, and a team of soloists which included Faye Robinson, Janet Perry and Martyn Hill, as well as the Spanish bass Luis Álvarez.

But many found the Hilliard Ensemble's British Council-sponsored performance of Arvo Pärt's *St John's Passion*, given with the help of the Western Wind Choir and an ad hoc British instrumental ensemble, hard to take, though I was strangely moved by its minimalist, tri-chordal, chant-like simplicity. The following evening, the Hilliard Ensemble moved from the Manuel de Falla auditorium, rapidly and handsomely rebuilt after a fire two years ago, to the magical *al fresco* setting of the Alhambra's Arabic *Patio de los Arrayanes*.

Here again the general reaction was polite appreciation of more Pärt (the *Stabat Mater*, a credo setting, and the brief *Es sang vor langen*) and Judith Weir's jerky rhythmised *String Trio*, but a strong liking for older music, like the anonymous motet for St Thomas of Canterbury, *Thomas gemma Cantuarie*, or the beautiful 14th-century *Doleo super te, Absolon fili mi*, or again Sheryingham's *Ah! genyil Jhesu*. This curiously constructed but finely sung concert, again sponsored by the British Council, was, moreover, spiced by the sounds of croaking frogs, splashing carp, the distant barks of dogs — and a yowling cat which stalked across the roof above the improvised platform, intent on a bird for its supper.

Such things made one regret being unable to stay for more of the festival, the further artistic riches of which included ballet by the Teatro Lirico Nacional and the Grand Théâtre de Genève in the Generalife Gardens, as well as performances by Claudio Arrau, the Orlando Quartet and Andrew Marriner, the European Community Baroque Orchestra and Ton Koopman.

Stephen Pettitt

The adventures of the loan arrangers

TELEVISION

An apocalyptic sense of doom accompanies our national property obsession, born of the vague notion that everyone is getting too rich too quickly. *Panorama* (BBC1) gave these fears substance in its report on mortgage fraud last night.

With brisk confidence, in contrast to the series' recent hesitant style, the programme (reporter, Robin Denslow) set the scene for a new crime boom. Building societies, falling over each other in competition to lend money — the specimen company, the Halifax, recently lent £147 million in a single day — now own one-third of estate agencies. They have swallowed much of the allied trades of mortgage and insurance broking and no longer bother to check the details which prospective borrowers fill in on their forms.

They do not disclose information themselves to any other lender for fear of competition. The Halifax's chief executive, John Spalding, sadly admitted that they no longer always took up bank references, because banks used to poach their customers when they did.

committed by would-be purchasers at every level. An unemployed man had been fixed up by his estate agent with a fake income and a fake employer. One woman had taken out several mortgages simultaneously, and obtained tax relief on several homes.

But these individuals were small fry compared to the organized rings of estate agents, solicitors, valuers and brokers who obtained mortgages for phantom buyers on over-valued property, sometimes made no mortgage repayments and sold properties on to each other to escape repossession.

The slick, competitive, computerized commercial side of the business was opposed by a crumbling and overworked institutional structure, which was quite unable to regulate the situation. The police fraud squad had an overwhelming case load; the MIRAS centre was apparently unable to investigate more than a tiny proportion of suspected frauds; the Land Registry is robbed of its own profits by the Government, uncomputerized and often unable to process title deeds in less than one year.

The programme made it clear that the immediate losers were the mortgage lenders who were being defrauded of millions of pounds. Many interviewees also made the point that everyone who owns property may ultimately suffer, as the increasing scale of fraud contributes to price inflation and sets the scene for a massive loss of confidence in property. The proposed national mortgage register run by the Post Office was unpopular with lenders, who felt that it would simply make them more vulnerable to competition.

Celia Brayfield

Irving Wardle on a Canadian celebration of George Bernard Shaw

Shaw and much more

DAVID COOPER

Easily as the phrase springs to mind, the Shaw Festival of Niagara-on-the-Lake has never set itself up as a Shavian Bayreuth. Such a fate cannot be ruled out, especially since the arrival of Dan Laurence, the forceful editor of the *Shaw Letters*, who has lately taken over as the festival's literary adviser and already got down to masterminding a 1989 international conference covering every aspect of Shaw's theatre work. But so far, nothing has done more to safeguard this extraordinary institution than the fact that it is not run by Shavians.

By the sheer exercise of working through all but one (*Blanco Posnet*) of the major plays, the festival's director Christopher Newton has developed a specialist ensemble who can transmit the exhilaration of thought as if it were a physical action.

At the same time, by enlarging the repertory to include Shaw's contemporaries and small-scale revivals of forgotten musicals, he has managed to reconcile the taste of playgoers and tourists, if not that of residents like Niagara's ex-mayor Gerry Woolf, who publicly wonders whether he did the right thing by helping the Shaw Festival into existence, "and whether the town might not have been in better shape without it". That gives you some idea of the resistance Newton has had to face.

This year, the Shavian spectrum extends from Vincent Youmans's *Hit the Deck* to Andreyev's *He Who Gets Slapped*, which is advertised as a "risk" show. Of the productions I saw, Piscator's adaptation of *War and Peace* could have had the same listing.

It has a link with Niagara, in that 1812 was the date not only of Borodino but also of the Canadian-American War, and anyone witnessing the heritage industry displays at Fort George could have crossed the road and found much the same things going on in the theatre; except for the presence of a modern-dress guide. Piscator first staged this piece in 1955 with the aim of dragging Tolstoy into the nuclear age. It was a lesson for the post-war public, frankly telling them what to think; with the result that its narrative now comes over like an old newspaper leader.

Duncan McIntosh's production makes a few contemporary cosmetic adjustments, but it would take a wholesale re-adaptation of the text for the 1980s to restore it to life. Visually, the show gets into a fine old tangle in distinguishing Piscator's "destiny stage" from his "action stage"; but it does offer an awesomely beautiful line of imagery — with gently billowing



Tom McCamus as a spectacularly agile and Mowgli-like Peter Pan

white curtains and drifting leaves gathering force into the hurricane of Borodino — which graphically underscores the Tolstoyan theme of chance.

In *You Never Can Tell*, Shaw's variation on this theme, the company are back on home ground, which they present with the excitement of an undiscovered country. The play is an oblique response to *The Importance of Being Earnest*, occupying a zone as bloodlessly rarified as Wilde's while also proclaiming Shaw's conviction that all comedy is rooted in pain.

Newton's production makes the most of both worlds: first with an airy non-naturalistic set (by Cameron Porteous) which converts the Torbay coast into a marine Elysium; and then by quoting a line of Crampton's (from the manuscript first draft) as its motto: "For God's sake, don't think. I want you to feel; that's the only thing that can help us."

The Crampton who then lowers himself into the dentist's chair is not the usual growing curmudgeon. Instead, Sandy Webster plays him as a bluff old boat-builder who good-humouredly shrugs off Valentine's verbal proddings in spite of the weeks of unpaid rent.

He clearly has a kind heart; and it is only when he confronts his runaway family over the lunch table that his accumulated bitterness rises to the surface. Eighteen years after the separation, he is still suffering marital anguish.

His feminist wife, however, has converted it into a doctrinaire weapon; and when Barbara Gordon launches into her speech on the iniquities of family life, she

seems to be lecturing a Madeira women's club. She has stopped feeling.

Here are two people, both seemingly locked into immovable antagonism, who finally wipe out their past grievances because one still has the power to feel, even though he cannot put his feelings into words. Hence the title.

From Shaw, of all verbal artists, this is a stunningly unexpected message, but Newton justifies it in a production that repeatedly conveys the sense of a harsh world just beyond the comic boundaries. At one extreme there is Andrew Gillies's Valentine, whose business, even when he switches from dentistry to romance, is "to hurt people". At the other, is Douglas Rain's Walter, whose life's mission is to protect his customers from pain.

Head bowed, trotting on the balls of his feet, Rain wonderfully combines mole-like subservience with lightning peace initiatives with soup and seltzer-water. He knows more about domestic warfare than any of the others; and, as he phrases his final speech on marriage, as "very enjoyable and happy indeed, sir — from time to time", Shaw's voice dissolves into the voice of Beckett.

Newton and Porteous also join forces in a remarkable *Peter Pan* (revived from Ian Judge's 1987 production) which treats a brilliantly ingenious path between dream and actuality by merging the nursery with the Never Land, casting adults as the Lost Boys, and starring a Mowgli-like Peter (Tom McCamus), who performs a series of somersaults with no visible trace of flying harness. Readers of Maurice Sendak's *Where the Wild Things Are* will get the picture.

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CONCERT

LSO/Nelsson

Covent Garden

The sound of the shofar called the audience to their feet for a minute of silence before the London Symphony Orchestra began "A Commemoration in Music" to end the week-long International Holocaust Conference in Oxford and London. Across the front of the darkened royal box in the theatre burned a row of six candles — one for each million victims whose fate we must indeed be "Remembering For the Future", as the organizers call their work.

It was inescapably a sombre programme, conducted by the Soviet-born Waldemar Nelsson, New Zealand music director at Covent Garden, who began with those intonations of mortality that Shostakovich called his Symphony No 14. Actually a song-symphony in its setting of 11 varied poems on the subject of death, which were sung in English translation, by Josephine Barstow and Willard White, with a clarity of diction from the latter that was powerfully eloquent.

The voices are matched only by orchestral strings and percussion, both sparingly used, to an extent that would have benefited from greater accuracy and precision in the balance. Of ensemble and phrasing. Nevertheless, there was a notably fine solo therapy from the principal cellist, Douglas Cummings, in Apollinaire's "The Suicide" and elsewhere the composer's trenchant indictment of his surrounding political circumstances in pre-war days makes it still a matter of wonder how he got away with it. This symphony was dedicated to Benjamin Britten, whose own

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Albery Theatre, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (01-336 3878).
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BLUES IN THE NIGHT: Hit black blues show, with Carol Woods, Sarah Woollett, Debbie Bishop and Peter Straker singing their hearts out in a sleazy Chicago hotel.
Pleasance Theatre, Dancin' Street, W1 (01-437 4506). Tube: Piccadilly Circus, Mon-Thurs 8-10pm, Fri and Sat 6.30-9pm and 9-11pm, 23.50-214.50. (b)

BUSMAN'S HONEYMOON: Dorothy L. Sayers's own adaptation of her thriller, with husband and wife team Edward Petherbridge and Emily Ryan as the newly married Lord and Lady Peter Winsay.
Lyric Theatre, King Street W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Opens tonight 7pm, then Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Wed 2.30pm and Sat 2.30pm, 25-210.

THE COMMON PURSUIT: New castles over leading roles in Simon Gray's play tracing the fortunes of undergraduate friends.
Phoenix Theatre, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-336 2294). Tube: Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Thurs 8-10.15pm, Fri and Sat 8.45-11pm, mats Fri and Sat 6-8.15pm, 25-214.50.

LE CIRQUE IMAGINAIRE: Return of Victoria Chaplin and Jean-Claude Trialet in quaint show much loved by fans.
Mermaid Theatre, Puddle Dock EC4 (01-226 5569). Tube: Aldgate East. Mon-Sat 7.30-9.45pm, 23.50-212.50.

EXCEPTIONS: Jill Bennett plays a retired Latin teacher involved in the lives of a German refugee couple and their daughter back in the '50s.
New End Theatre, 27 New End NW3 (01-794 0022). Tube: Hampstead. Preview tonight 8pm, opens tomorrow 7pm, then Tues-Sat 8pm, 25-218.50.

GREEK: Steven Berkoff's savage version of Oedipus, set in East London.
Wyndham's Theatre, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-336 3028). Tube: Leicester Square, Mon-Fri 8-10.15pm, Sat 8.30-10.45pm, mats Sat 5-7.15pm, 25.50-213.50.

SOPHATOWN: Moving musical tribute to the "Chicago of South Africa", bulldozed out of existence in 1955 and recreated by the Junction Avenue Theatre of Johannesburg.
Hampstead Theatre, 330 Grove Road, NW3 (01-722 9301). Tube: Swiss Cottage, Mon-Sat 8-10pm, mats Sat 4.30-6.30pm, 25-27.50.

THE YEOMAN OF THE GUARD: Revised CD by Edwardian present Gilbert and Sullivan's close encounter with real opera.
Cambridge Theatre, Seven Dials, WC2 (01-378 5293). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat 7.30-10.30pm.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 20
CATA (c) Alfonso Cata, born Havana in 1937, the Cuban-American dancer, choreographer, and ballet director.
TOUR EN L'AIR (b) A movement in which the dancer revolves while hanging vertically in the air, usually the prerogative of the male dancer; it can be a double turn, and very rarely, if you jump high enough, a triple turn, without falling over.
JOTA ARAGONESA (d) Folk's ballet, to music by Gluck's first performed in Petrograd in 1916.
GOH (a) Cho Sui Goh, born in Singapore in 1948, the Chinese dancer, teacher, and choreographer, studied locally before joining the Washington Ballet in 1976.

LONG RUNNERS: Beyond Reasonable Doubt: Queen's Theatre (01-734 1188).
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Follies: Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 5899).
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Kiss Me Kate: Savoy Theatre (01-336 8888).
Les Liaisons Dangereuses: Ambassadors Theatre (01-336 6111).
Me and My Girl: Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7813/4).
Les Misérables: Palace Theatre (01-434 0908).
The Mousetrap: St Martin's Theatre (01-336 1443).
Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's Theatre (01-336 2244).
Run For Your Wife: Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216).
Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (01-428 8665).

OUT OF TOWN

CHICHESTER: The Royal Beachfront Scandal: Did the Colonel cheat that night at Tranby Croft in 1890? Joyce Fryton's play reveals all, adapted by Keith Michell.
Fullerton, Gerald Harper, Festival Theatre, Oldlands Park, 0243 781312. Mon-Sat 7.30-10.15pm, 25.50-212.50.

FILMS

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Advance booking possible
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Cannon Grand Street (01-336 0310). Progs 2.00, 4.00, 6.15, 8.30.

BABETTE'S FEAST (U): One of Karen Blixen's lighter tales, immaculately transferred to the screen by a fellow Dane, Gabriel Axel. With Ingrid Bergman as a famous Parisian chef who tests her skills on an austere religious community (105 min).
Cannon Grand Street (01-336 0310). Progs 2.00, 4.25, 6.30, 8.30.

HAIRSPRAY (PG): Nutty comedy from director John Waters, America's high priest of bad taste, poking fun at the social habits of Baltimore teenagers in 1958 (88 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-332 5096). Progs 1.35, 3.35, 5.35, 7.35, 9.40.

BRIGHT LIGHTS, BIG CITY (18): Releasement version of Jay McInerney's novel about an aspiring writer on the slums in New York. With Michael J. Fox, in his first stab at serious drama. James Bridges directs (107 min).
Cannon Grand Street (01-336 0310). Progs 2.25, 4.25, 6.30, 8.30.

CROCODILE DUNDEE II (PG): Disappointingly flat sequel to the runaway Aussie hit, with Paul Hogan repeating his role as the king of the outback (112 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-335 9772). Progs 1.25, 3.45, 6.10, 8.30.

THE MONSTER SQUAD (15): Children's horror film directed by Fred Dekker of Night of the Creeps (82 min).
Cannon Pantion Street (01-930 0631). Progs 2.10, 4.15, 6.15, 8.20, 10.25.

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Britannia Pier, Great Yarmouth (0493 642209), 7.30pm, 25.50-29.50 (M493 and Akiyo Yashiro (a Mississippian pup).



Supernatural struggles

The adoption of a theme, be it ancient, modern, tragic, comical or pastoral, has always provided the Buxton Festival with the excuse to dig up at least one operatic rarity; this year is no exception. Now in its tenth year, the festival in the Derbyshire spa town has fixed on the Italian Renaissance poet Torquato Tasso (above right). After a weekend of jazz and antique shows, events start in earnest on Thursday with the first night of Armida, the last opera by Haydn (above left), based on Tasso's epic poem Gerusalemme Liberata. Amanda Holden has provided a new English translation for this "dramma eroico" about a knight, Rinaldo, in the first Crusade, who is rescued from the clutches of the sorceress Armida. As they struggle against themselves and each other, arias are poured out in the heroic and pathetic vein, nicely followed by the interludes of Rinaldo's friend, Ubaldo. Originally written for the Palace at Esterházy, with its opera house and puppet theatre; one eagerly awaits Christopher Reusch's transformation of the opera house at Buxton from its ornate interior into Armida's enchanted forest. Claire Daniels, Neill Archer and Jeffrey Talbot lead the cast in the first professional British staging of the opera. Opera House, Buxton (0298 72190), 7.45pm, 25.50-221.

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CONCERTS

BLACK KNIGHT: John Hatten conducts The Michael's Singers in Elgar's The Black Knight, Finzi's Magnificat and Bach's Jesu meine Zuversicht. At the concert, St Michael's, Cornhill, London EC2, 7pm, 23-24.

ART'S SONS: The English Concert, Choir of the English Concert, and soloists come together for Purcell's 'Come Ye Sons of Art', music for The Faery Queen and Dryden and Aeneas. Trevor Pinnook conducts. St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 7.30pm, 24-212.

OHTA OUTING: For her London debut, Yumiko Ohno plays piano sonatas by Chopin Op 105, Chopin Op 35 and Akiyo Yashiro (a Mississippian pup).

JAZZ

LOURS ARMSTRONG MEMORIAL CONCERT: Humphrey Lyttelton's band leads the annual tribute, assisted by old comrade Wally Fawkes and gritty Scottish vocalist Carol Kidd. QEH, South Bank, London SE1 (01-428 3191), 7.45pm, 22-27.

TEDDY EDWARDS: Best known for his work with bebop trumpeter Howard McGhee, the American tenorist appears tonight with the John Patrick Trio. Wigam Jazz Festival, Mill at the Pier, Caroline Street (into 0542 823076), 8pm-2am, 24.

JULIAN JOSEPH: A Courtney Pine associate, the pianist appears on a curious double bill with the austere Free Jazz Quartet. Cambridge Jazz Festival, Castle Park Centre's Castle Park (tel 0223 357851), 8pm, 25.

MEL LEWIS JAZZ ORCHESTRA: The big band draws on arrangements by the late Ted Jones and the trombonist Bob Brookmeyer. Support is from the Ian Ballamy Quartet. Riverside Social Club, 47 Fritt Street, London W1 (01-436 0747), 9.30pm, 210.

DANCE

CORSAIR: Julio Bocca stakes his London debut with Trinidad Serrano in the showpiece pas de deux. London Festival Ballet's programme also includes La Bayadere, Romeo and Juliet, and Wally Fawkes's Bolero. Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-336 3161), 7.30-10pm, 24.50-219.50.

SWAN LAKE: Moscow Classical Ballet's new production. Palace Theatre, Oxford Street, Manchester (061 236 9922), 7.30-10.30pm, 24.50-250.

GALLERIES

INGO BATTERHAFF: Surrealist figure paintings by a young artist. Albemarle Gallery, 18 Albemarle Street, London W1 (01-436 7968). Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 11-1pm, free, until July 30.

ALL THE KING'S MEN: An exhibition about English and Continental personalities involved in The Glorious Revolution of 1688. British Library, Great Russell Street, London WC1 (01-436 1544). Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 2.30-5pm, free, until Nov 13.

LUCIAN FREUD: 25 pictures by an artist recently described as "the greatest living realist painter". Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Belford Road, Edinburgh (031-556 8921). Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until Oct 7.

NEW WRESTLERS: A show about sculptures by six contemporary artists, including John Maine and Christine Angus, commissioned for Dorset by the environmental group Common Ground. Dorset County Museum, Dorchester (0305 3253). Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-1pm and 2-5pm, 11, until Sept 3.

FASHION AND SURREALISM: Designers and artists represented in

OPERA

DON GIOVANNI: Thomas Allen and Kiri Te Kanawa are the main attractions in a somewhat static revival of the Royal Opera's production, conducted by Sir Colin Davis. Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 7-10.10pm, 22-27.

LA TRAVIATA: Revival of Peter Hall's Glyndebourne production, now with Fuzella Pediconi in the title role and Sean Edwards conducting. Glyndebourne, Levens, Sussex, (0273 541111), 5.50-9.50pm, returns only.

ROCK

THE GEORGIA SATELLITES: Good-time, while-by R'n'B, played the way the Stones and the Faces used to do. Promoting an estimate new album, Open All Night. Town & Country, 9-17 Highgate Road, London NW5 (01-257 8347), 7.30pm, 25.50.

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WALKS

HIDDEN INTERIORS OF BYGONE LONDON: Meet Temple tube, 11am, £3 (also next Tues).

ANCIENT PINS AND TAVERNS: meet Temple tube, 7pm, £3 (also next Tues).

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF SHERLOCK HOLMES: meet Baker Street tube, 11.30am, £3 (also next Tues).

INSIDE LEGAL LONDON - HINS OF COURT AND OLD BAILEY: meet Temple tube, 2.30pm, £3 (also next Tues).

OTHER EVENTS

R.H.S. FLOWER SHOW: Major competitions for summer fruit and vegetables and hardy flowers plus carnations, delphiniums, and lilies. R H S Halls, Greycoat Street, London SW7 (01-938 8500), Mon-Sat 10am-5.30pm, Sun 2.30-5.50pm, free, until Aug 7.

MADE TO MEASURE: Contemporary sculptures by 12 artists who, like Antony Gormley, wear coats of henna. Cambridge (0223-252124), Sat-Sun 12.30-5.30pm, free, until Aug 28.

ARMADA 400 CELEBRATIONS: See caption for further details of beacons ring 0493 843 682. For other events, check with your nearest tourist information centre.

BATH AND WEST ANNUAL FISH AND WINE AND COLLECTORS FAIR: Big fair with over 600 dealers under cover and outdoors. Specialists in all areas of collecting, many with West Country Square, Bath (01225 333333). Bath and West Showground, Shepton Mallet, Somerset (01225 691 616) 8-4pm. Admission £1.

EAST OF ENGLAND SHOW: Cattle, sheep, pigs, and other livestock, flower show and flower arranging, marquee, arts events (plus daily an alternative farming section - Farming Today) at Great Easton, Essex (0206 222222). Admission today, tomorrow, adults £7, child £3. Thurs adult £5 child £2.

BOOKINGS

AUGUST AT THE SOUTH BANK: Booking now for Summer Open Air Festival, 10-13 August, 14-17 August, 20-22 August, 24-26 August, 28-30 August. London Festival Ballet, Electric Weekend and Advance Working preview of Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

ROOTS: Production of Healer play by National Theatre education team opens at Cottiside on Oct 19, prior to nationwide tour. National Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (01-226 2222). Advance booking open, para/phone booking from Aug 12-15.

NATIONAL THEATRE 25th ANNIVERSARY: Gala performance of Peter Hall's The Tempest, Oct 27. Offer, postal booking open, para/phone booking from Aug 12-15.

LAST CHANCE

DASLED IN GRINEN: Song recital series ends tonight, 7.30, with Schubert programmes of Liszt, with Elizabeth Gould and Graham Johnson. Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141).

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: Final week of season, with performances of Don Giovanni and Boris Godunov. Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066/1911).

ANUSCHKA EXHIBITION: Exhibition commemorating the annexation of Austria in 1938. Jewish Community Exhibition Centre, South Hampstead Synagogue, Eton Road, London NW6, ends Sunday.

Theatre Jeremy Kingston: Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Fitch; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Clive Davis; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: Daniel Buren; Walks and Talks: Greta Carter; Other Events: Judy Froberg; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

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Compiled by Peter Dear and Jane Rackham

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7.00 Breakfast Time with Jeremy Paxman and Kirsty Wark
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And the beat goes on

TELEVISION CHOICE

Down at Sun Hill Police Station the arrival of the new woman inspector is anticipated with a mixture of male chauvinist banter and wipers in the corridor and not a little apprehension. She turns out to be Inspector Christine Frazer, a brisk, no-nonsense blonde who it seems is destined for even higher things. Her clashes with Sergeant Roach, who thinks he should have been promoted to inspector, promise to run and run. Meanwhile, in another part of the nick, Sun Hill is welcoming its first black recruit. Gender and race and all in the first few minutes: The Bill (ITV, 8.00pm) has lost none of its willingness to tackle the social issues of the day. What it has lost is the old one-hour format and from today it goes out twice a week, every week, in half-hour episodes. When the news of this transmutation began to filter through, admirers of the show feared for the worst. Taking over the function so long performed by Crossroads, with the burden of having to be a big ratings-puller for the ITV network, The Bill's quality must surely be compromised. We would have less wit and subtlety and more soap opera. Happily, on the evidence of the first episodes of the new format, this has not happened. Perhaps the story lines will have to be a little tighter and less open-ended and there will have to be fewer of them. One episode of the old Bill contained no fewer than 19. Moreover, the makers of the show have resisted any idea of opening it out and dealing, soap opera style, with the characters' domestic lives. The police, in their professional role, are still centre stage. Nor does the new



Inspector Frazer (Barbara Thorn) meets with Sergeant Cryer (Eric Richard) in the first episode of The Bill (ITV, 8.00pm)

format intend to adopt the other main soap opera strategy and turn The Bill from a series into a serial. There will be running themes (the progress of Inspector Frazer in a man's world, the appointment of a new DI to replace Penny, who is fast going to pieces after a gunshot wound) but most episodes will be self-contained. Since Juliet Bravo and The Gentle Touch the woman inspector is hardly a novelty in the TV police series, though format will no doubt point out that of a regular cast now swollen to 23, all but four are still male. It remains to be seen whether the new black constable becomes more than just a token. But the good news is that The Bill shows every sign of maintaining its reputation for pace and realism, the product of quality writing, brisk editing and fluid camerawork that seems to abolish walls.

Peter Waymark

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The undoctored truth

RADIO CHOICE

Quite literally, this week's instalment of The Doctors (Radio 4, 10.00am, repeated tomorrow, 8.15pm) is a heart-stopper. But you would not think so judging by the first few minutes during which Dr Andrew Hall, a GP practising in Lichfield, Staffs (as are all the other doctors involved in this totally absorbing series), has mainly routine cases on his hands: the mother-to-be expecting her baby in a week's time who does not know that her labour has already started, and the young fellow with verrucae. The verrucae consultation over, Dr Hall has no sooner started off down the hospital corridor than he is bang in the middle of a life-and-death drama. A woman is rushed in suffering from a massive heart attack. Her pulse stops. Not a second to lose. The cardiac resuscitation procedure goes into action,



Well played: Stephen Rea as an ad man (R4, 3.00pm)

with Dr Hall at the helm. Only when the patient shows signs of responding do the team learn that they are holding the life of a VIP in their hands. It is in moments like that, patently unheard-of, that The Doctors comes into its own. If I was in a churlish mood, I

would make the complaint that at such climactic moments, the microphone has difficulty picking up all the medical cross-talk we ought to be hearing. Fortunately, no such technical problems are encountered during the one-to-one session between Dr Hall and the cancer patient at a local hospice who knows he is dying, puts a brave face on things, and asks for nothing more than a cup of tea and a fag. So far, The Doctors has managed to portray the Lichfield GPs as men and women who can keep their own heads in their hands. This is something that cannot be said of the last two words uttered by Dr Hall in tonight's episode.

The Boat (Radio 4, 3.00pm), in which Stephen Rea plays (and very well, too) a disoriented advertising man whose young son puts him back on course, marks out James Douglas as a radio dramatist worth keeping an ear open for.

Peter Davalle

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Radio 1, Radio 3, Radio 4
Radio 1: 6.55 Weather, News Headlines, 7.00 Morning Concert: César Cui
Radio 3: 6.55 Weather, News Headlines, 7.00 Morning Concert: César Cui
Radio 4: 6.00 News, 6.05 In Business: Peter Day reports on changes in three business areas: the Post Office, who are facing competition from independent delivery companies; newspapers, including an interview with Rasmus about the new top publishing revolution; and Britons who export to Russia and are finding it more difficult under Gorbachev.

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Jackson to join Dukakis team

From Michael Binyon
Atlanta

After a crucial three-hour meeting yesterday morning with the Rev Jesse Jackson, Governor Michael Dukakis announced that the two rivals for the Democratic nomination had agreed on the full involvement of the Chicago clergyman and his supporters at every level of the presidential campaign.

At a joint press conference in which Senator Lloyd Bentsen, the Dukakis nominee for vice-president, also took part, Mr Dukakis said Mr Jackson would be playing a "vital role" in the campaign, though the details had still to be worked out. Repeatedly praising Mr Jackson with soaring acclaim — something notably absent during the recent tension between the two — Mr Dukakis

Party-going

said Mr Jackson had won the votes of seven million Americans, "and we want every single one of them". Mr Dukakis said the two would campaign together.

Mr Jackson, somewhat more subdued, said the meeting had been "fruitful" and had been a "very significant step". He added: "I seek no job, no salary, no title. I seek to serve, to keep America strong, to make America better. I feel my effectiveness would be less if I had a role, a title, a salary, a job."

He said he would still contest Mr Dukakis for the nomination tomorrow, and joked that he was hoping for a "Chicago miracle". But he would not put his name in for the vice-presidential nomination, and would discourage his supporters from doing so.

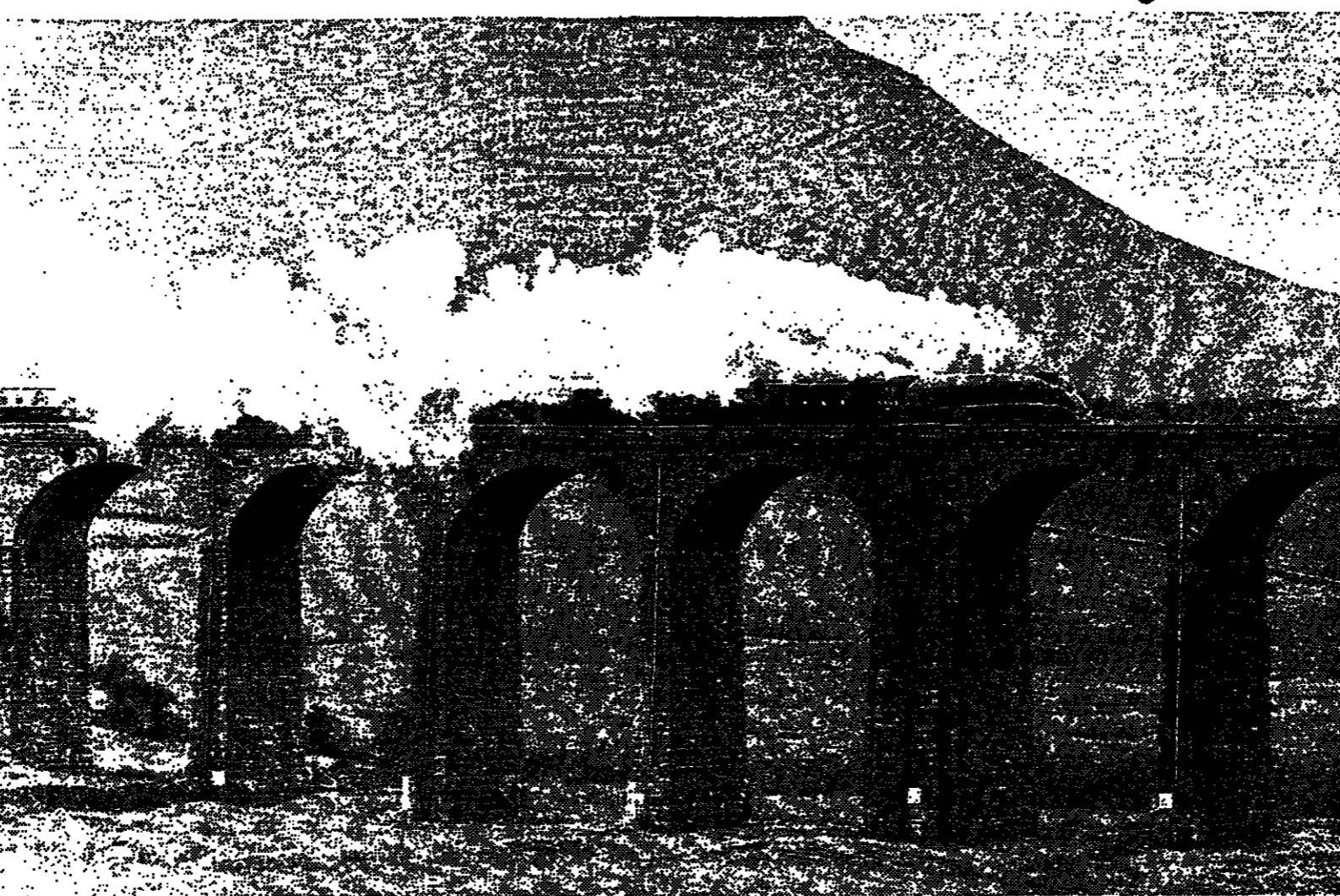
Their joint appearance showed clearly that both men had made spirited efforts to overcome the split which threatened to dominate the opening day of the Democratic convention.

But the details of the level and kind of involvement Mr Jackson is demanding remained unresolved. This exceeds what any primary campaign loser has ever sought and been granted. And Mr Dukakis, anxious to establish his overall authority and freedom of manoeuvre, had made his reservations clear with his remark that "every team has to have a quarterback. That's the nominee."

Among the proposals Mr Jackson has put on the table are: an untitled, unsalaried role for him in the campaign with the provision of a campaign plane; a sharing of responsibility that would involve Jackson supporters at all levels of the campaign hierarchy; a role for Mr Jackson in the post-election transition team, and regular access to Mr Dukakis if he wins in November.

Liberals who have rallied around Mr Jackson are to challenge most, if not all, the party positions, or "planks", of the platform, today.

Mallard steams into her next 50 years



The world's fastest steam locomotive, Sir Nigel Gresley's Mallard, displays a fine head of steam crossing the Ribbleshead viaduct on the Settle to Carlisle line. The 133 ton giant among engines is celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the run between Grantham and Peterborough on July 3, 1938, when it reached 126 miles an hour, a record which has never been

beaten by a steam locomotive (Ronald Faax writes).
Rail enthusiasts turned out at the weekend to watch Mallard pull the first of 10 Golden Jubilee excursions along the line that winds through the Yorkshire Dales. Every bridge and embankment overlooking an incline where Mallard would be showing her clanking, steam-powered strength,

had clusters of steam buffs there to admire the engine's progress. "All I got was a glimpse of blue through a great cloud of steam and a whiff of burning coal that took me straight back to childhood. It was marvellous," one admirer said.
After retirement, Mallard was a star attraction at the National Railway Museum in York until Scarborough

Borough Council led the campaign to have the engine restored to full steam. A series of four special trains pulled by Mallard to mark the anniversary has been increased to 10, all of which have sold out. Funds raised by the trains will help to restore the Duchess of Hamilton in the national collection at York.
(Photograph: Barry Greenwood)

Iranians agree to Gulf war ceasefire

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taken a lead in pressing Iran to accept Resolution 598, were expected to view Iran's move as a vindication of their hardline policy.

Whitehall sources said that the announcement was a complete surprise. But it followed a string of developments which have aroused speculation that a secret deal could be in preparation.

Mr Hans Heino Kopietz, of the International Institute of Strategic Studies, said he believed that there had been secret contacts both between Tehran and Baghdad and by third parties with both sides. Britain was among a number of countries which may have played a role.

He said: "I think we are seeing the first concrete step towards the end of the conflict. It is only one step, and much remains to be done, but it is the most important step."

Dr Ziba Moshaveri, an Iranian academic at St Antony's College, Oxford, pointed out that the negotiations that will follow the ceasefire will be heavily concerned with the issue of the Iran-Iraq frontier on the Shatt al-Arab waterway.

This has been a long-

standing source of contention between the two countries, partly because the deep-water channel itself keeps shifting amid marshes and sandbanks. The row was settled by the Algiers Agreement of 1975 between President Saddam and the Shah of Iran.

That deal provided for the frontier to run down the middle of the deep-water channel. Iraq, however, had always claimed that it should have full control of the Shatt al-Arab, its only outlet to the sea.

Baghdad's desire to alter the 1975 settlement in its favour was one of the reasons for the Iraqi attack on Iran in September, 1980

WASHINGTON: The US yesterday welcomed Iran's formal acceptance of Resolution 598.

The White House and State Department, in identical statements, said that Tehran's move opened the way to end the conflict and restore stability in a troubled region of the world.

The statement also welcomed President Saddam's reaffirmation on Sunday of Iraq's acceptance of the resolution.

Move to curb trial by jury

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Unions angry as Rover axes jobs

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concentrating production on one site.
In Brussels, members of the European Parliament last night expressed shock and dismay over the Rover decision (Michael Dynes writes).

Mr James Elles, MEP for Oxford and Buckinghamshire, said that he was surprised at the speed with which Rover had decided to implement its corporate restructuring plan.

"The closure of the Cowley south plant and the loss of 4,000 jobs, which accounts for 40 per cent of the workforce, represents a disaster for Oxford", he said.

Mr Elles insisted, however, that there was no direct link between the commission's decision on the amount of aid to the Government could give to Rover, and the company's decision to cut jobs.

"The authorization of aid was given on the condition that Rover implement the restructuring proposals contained in the corporate plan. Those job losses would have happened anyway", he said.

Mr Elles called for an initiative in the areas affected by the decision to compensate those people made redundant with retraining and relocation schemes.

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Lords sketch Gunned down by slow-action bores

Spluttering their papers all over the floor every time they crossed their legs, abundantly mustachioed and grunting spasmodically, Their Lordships had motored up to London to make their feelings clear on the Government's intention to take away their guns.

The Firearms (Amendment) Bill had brought them out of their hides, ready to pepper the interfering jackanapes with all barrels of abuse. From a distance, the scene might have been mistaken for one of hideous carnage. All across the Chamber, Lords and Ladies sat slumped motionless in their seats, and, to one side, Lord Longford was looking around, as if in search of an aggressor to confront.

They had been kitted out with the finest objections in the most up-to-date modes. Lord Brain, pleading for the preservation of the pump action handgun, described how tourists coming to stalk in Scotland would be upset if their favourite weapons were to be impounded at Customs.

About him, Lords suddenly nodded their sympathy for the poor Japanese tourist. Lord Swanes, all spectacles and moustache, wished the Government wouldn't jump together the pump action shotgun and the self-loading rifle. "They are fish," he explained, "of an entirely different colour."

Going on to argue that the Government had moved the goalposts for these different coloured fish, Lord Swanes was about to kick off with, or at least dive into, an eulogy towards Switzerland, where, it seems, everyone is obliged to own a shotgun, when his voice grew croaky. "Must apologize for my voice," he said, "something funny's happened to it." A glass of water was sent up from the front bench, and he sipped away before resuming.

Left-handed people, he suggested, would be affected by this legislation. "There are a great many left-handed persons in this world. I'm sure that many of Your Lordships are left-handed." There were more nods. Lord Longford carried on looking around, perhaps in search of a left-handed peer to whom he might extend his mercy.

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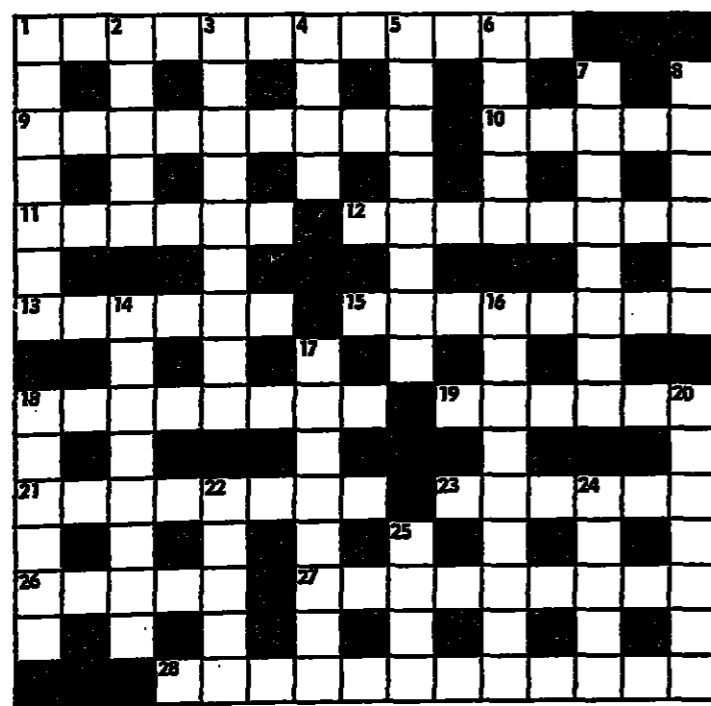
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THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,725



- ACROSS**
- Appealing and sweet little house. (9-3).
 - They were on a par with sinners, these politicians without religious education (9).
 - Designs produced by an agency (5).
 - Drawing to one side (6).
 - Musician rejected part as a scholar (8).
 - Capital — it makes all the difference (6).
 - Before autumn a gale is something we didn't expect (8).
 - I wheel it out when I'm being tactful (5,3).
 - Oriental leader has gone to the rear (6).
 - To start a journey causes trouble (4,4).
 - Suit that might get worn out in the garden (6).
 - Digestion expressing strange ideas (5).
 - Fitting occupation, we hear, for (9,2,7).
 - How do you make a slide? The answer's in intricate carpentry (12).
- DOWN**
- A's one — A1 (7).
 - Neat ornament — it contains water (2-3).
 - Turn for trainee to cook (9).
 - A match that's out (4).
 - Common Market deprived of leadership — still delighted (8).
 - It's one less than a ton (5).
 - Dog has opening in back door (4-4).
 - Among the stars in the past — Ralph Richardson (6).
 - Rock climbing? Consider first, and be ambitious (5,3).
 - Classified paper said to vanish (9).
 - Girl — pin-up for a lot of soldiers (8).
 - Face up to flying mammal, a native of Australia (6).
 - Curious about, say, a floral collection (7).
 - Absolutely transparent (5).
 - Hamlet perhaps could be said to be condescending (5).
 - Cut a caper (4).

WORD-WATCHING
A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

BALLETTOMANIA
By Philip Howard

CATA
a. A reversed entrenchment
b. A ballet by Paul Fouchier
c. A Cuban choreographer

TOUR EN LAIR
a. Fokine's ballet, "Castles in Spain"
b. A flying spin
c. A whipped swing

JOTA ARAGONESA
a. A Spanish throw
b. A Fokine ballet
c. A Brazilian ballerina

GOH
a. A Chinese dancer
b. Japanese Noh ballet
c. Resin for ballet shoes

Answers on page 18, column 1

Solution to Puzzle No 17,724

ACROSS
1. HOUSEHOLD
2. POLITICIAN
3. DESIGNER
4. MATCH
5. LEADERSHIP
6. CAPITAL
7. GALE
8. TACTFUL
9. OCCUPATION
10. JOURNEY
11. SUIT
12. CARPENTRY

DOWN
1. ONE
2. ORNAMENT
3. TURN
4. OUT
5. LEADERSHIP
6. TON
7. DOOR
8. STAR
9. CLIMBING
10. CLASSIFIED
11. GIRL
12. MAMMAL

WEATHER

A cold front is moving east across Scotland and into west Wales. Western Scotland and Northern Ireland will have a cloudy start with some rain but this will be quickly replaced by sunny spells and showers. Northern England and North Wales will be cloudy but a little sunshine is likely in north-west England later. The rest of England and Wales will have sunny periods. Outlook: sunny spells and showers.

ABROAD		AROUND BRITAIN	
Temp	Wind	Temp	Wind
Algeria 26	W 10	London 15	W 10
Athens 27	W 10	Manchester 15	W 10
Bombay 28	W 10	London 15	W 10
Buenos Aires 28	W 10	Manchester 15	W 10
Calcutta 28	W 10	London 15	W 10
Cairo 28	W 10	Manchester 15	W 10
Colon 28	W 10	London 15	W 10
Hong Kong 28	W 10	Manchester 15	W 10
London 15	W 10	London 15	W 10
Madras 28	W 10	Manchester 15	W 10
Madrid 28	W 10	London 15	W 10
Manila 28	W 10	Manchester 15	W 10
Medan 28	W 10	London 15	W 10
Mumbai 28	W 10	Manchester 15	W 10
Perth 28	W 10	London 15	W 10
Rangoon 28	W 10	Manchester 15	W 10
Seoul 28	W 10	London 15	W 10
Singapore 28	W 10	Manchester 15	W 10
Sydney 28	W 10	London 15	W 10
Tokyo 28	W 10	Manchester 15	W 10
Yokohama 28	W 10	London 15	W 10

HIGH TIDES

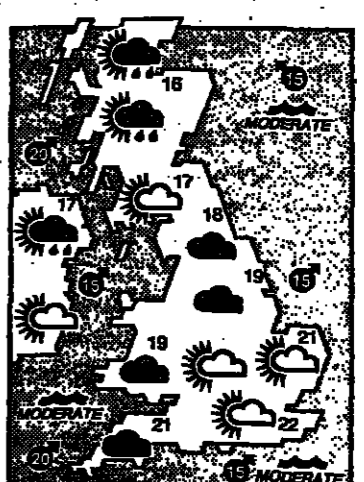
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Aberdeen	11:15	5:15
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Cardiff	11:15	5:15
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London	11:15	5:15
Manchester	11:15	5:15
Portsmouth	11:15	5:15
Sheerness	11:15	5:15
Sunderland	11:15	5:15
Swansea	11:15	5:15
Torquay	11:15	5:15
Wexford	11:15	5:15

THE POUND

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Portugal	2.276	2.276
Spain	2.276	2.276
Sweden	2.276	2.276
Switzerland	2.276	2.276
USA	2.276	2.276
Yugoslavia	2.276	2.276

Information supplied by Met Office

AM PM



LONDON

Sunrise: 5.06 am to 6 pm, 20C (68F); rain 6 pm to 6 pm, 15C (59F); humidity 6 pm, 75%; wind 24 to 10, 1012.5 mbars, rain, 1.000 millibars, 29.53 in.

MANCHESTER

Sunrise: 5.06 am to 6 pm, 15C (59F); rain 6 pm to 6 pm, 15C (59F); humidity 6 pm, 75%; wind 24 to 10, 1012.5 mbars, rain, 1.000 millibars, 29.53 in.

TOWER BRIDGE

Tower Bridge will be closed at the following times today: Noon and 4 pm.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Under 'Highest' day temp: Littlehampton, Sussex 21C (70F); lowest day temp: Fair Isle, Shetland 12C (54F); highest rainfall: Stornoway, Orkney 0.8 in; highest sunset: Varnor, Isle of Wight 11.22.

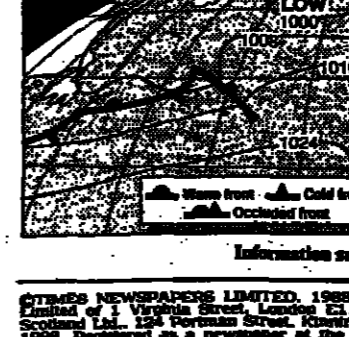
LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 9.27 pm to 4.57 am; Bristol 9.45 pm to 4.47 am; Edinburgh 10.15 pm to 4.28 am; Manchester 9.25 pm to 4.38 am; Portsmouth 9.52 pm to 4.55 am.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; l, low; h, high; w, wind; r, rain.

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MARKETS		THE POUND	
FT 30 Share	1483.3 (-14.2)	US dollar	1.6695 (+0.0070)
FT-SE 100	1849.3 (-12.2)	W German mark	3.1412 (+0.0240)
USM (Datastream)	164.81 (same)	Trade-weighted	75.1 (+0.5)

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Executive Editor
David Brewerton

Brazil 'to pay up this year'

Brazil intends to repay all outstanding interest owed to creditor banks before the end of this year, according to Senhor Meillon da Nobrega, the Brazilian finance minister who was visiting London yesterday as part of a tour of European capitals.

The repayments are understood to be contingent on Brazil receiving a \$500 million bridging loan, backed by the US Treasury. Brazil claims that it has had assurances from US officials that the US government is supporting its application for the loan.

Hotel bought

Ladbroke is adding to its hotel chain by paying £10.5 million for the 314-room Four Seasons Hotel in Edmonton, Canada. The deal brings to 137 the number of hotels operated by the company throughout the world.

GEC tipped

General Electric Company is tipped as a mystery bidder that is set to make an agreed bid for Atlantic Computers, the computer equipment firm.

STOCK MARKETS

New York	Dow Jones	2106.26 (-24.18)
Tokyo	Nikkei Average	27682.12 (-251.67)
Hong Kong	Hang Seng	2725.48 (-15.24)
Amsterdam	Amst. 100	270.1 (-3.5)
Sydney	Sydney 20	1841.5 (+19.0)
Frankfurt	Frankfurt 100	1493.1 (-17.0)
Brussels	Brussels 100	4895.8 (-23.7)
Paris	Paris CAC	3555.1 (+1.4)
Zurich	Zurich S&K Gen	472.3 (+0.5)
London	FT-30	1483.3 (-14.2)
	FT-100	1849.3 (-12.2)
	FT-1000	27.1 (-2.6)
	FT-10000	72.1 (-0.27)
	FT-100000	57.25 (-0.20)

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

Yale & Walker	491.50 (+27.0)
A Cohen	625.00 (+75.0)
Greenhouse House	410.00 (+75.0)
Orang Shipping	710.00 (+15.0)
Davies & Newman	750.00 (+10.0)
AC	457.50 (+13.0)
Ranger	342.50 (+10.0)
Summit Int'l	750.00 (+25.0)
P. Harris	130.00 (+10.0)
H Mackay	230.00 (+10.0)

General Accident	885.00 (+15.0)
Peabody	540.00 (+15.0)
L. Joseph	427.50 (+15.0)
Hunter	225.00 (+15.0)
Granger	477.50 (+25.0)
Reid & Co. Inc.	825.00 (+15.0)
Monkys	327.50 (+15.0)
Speedwell	327.50 (+15.0)
WCRS	233.50 (+15.0)

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base	10%
3-month interbank	11 to 10.5%
3-month eligible bills	10% - 10.1%
buying rate	
US: Prime Rate	9%
Federal Funds	7 1/4%
3-month Treasury Bill	6.75 - 6.71%
30-year bonds	9 1/2% - 9 3/4%

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
\$: \$1.6695	\$: \$1.6705
DM: 3.1412	DM: 3.1417
Sfr: 2.0081	Sfr: 2.0085
FF: 10.5783	FF: 10.5800
Yen: 224.28	Yen: 224.72
Indec: 75.1	Indec: 75.1
ECU: 1.71757	ECU: 1.7182104

GOLD

London Fixing:	
AM \$437.65 pm \$435.65	
close \$435.50 - \$436.00 (\$280.50 - 261.00)	
New York:	
Comex \$436.00 - \$436.50	

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Aug) per \$14.90/bbl (\$14.29)
* Denotes latest trading price

THE TIMES STOCK WATCH

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Market news on Stock-watch yesterday included: Additional airline routes boosted Davies and Newman Holdings (02210) by 30p; GCF (02371) rose 17p on speculative demand; Babygro Holdings (04283) slumped 25p after interim and an agreed offer; George Wimpey (02127), affected by worries about mortgages, dropped 10p.
Recent additions include: Glasgow Income Warrants allotment letters 03391; Hysan Development 072229.
Calls charged at 5p for 8 seconds peak and 12 seconds off peak inc. VAT.

Base rate rise to 10.5% fails to satisfy City

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, disappointed the City yesterday by authorizing a base rate increase of only half a point. The rise, from 10 to 10.5 per cent, was the sixth since early June, but left the markets convinced that further increases would be needed.

Mr John Shepperd, economist at Warburg Securities, said: "The Chancellor is following the markets rather than giving a lead. People were hoping that the action would be firm and decisive. This is exactly what has not been done."

Money market interest rates closed well above the new base rate level, with the three-month interbank rate at 11.10-10.10 per cent. Although a further rate rise is not expected this week, market opinion was that it would not be long in coming.

Analysts said that the Treasury, in restricting the base rate rise to half a point, had failed to take control of the situation. The building societies, who will be deciding by the end of the week what mortgage rate to set from August 1, were also left in some confusion.

Home loans set for 11.75% as societies delay decision

By Vivien Goldsmith, Family Money Editor

Borrowers can expect their mortgages to rise by two percentage points to 11.75 per cent after yesterday's half percentage point rise in bank base rate.

This will mean an increase in monthly payments of £30 on a £30,000 repayment mortgage over 25 years and an increase of £58.70 to £450.80 on a £50,000 mortgage.

Building societies and other lenders are committed to raising mortgage rates on August 1 but they are still not confident that interest rates have stopped rising. They are, therefore, postponing the announcement of a rise for as long as possible.

Mr John Bayliss, the general manager of the Abbey National Building Society, said: "I wish we knew that this was the

end of it. That's the dilemma that we are in. But we are looking towards 2 per cent on mortgages and 1 1/2 per cent on savers' rates."

An announcement from the Abbey is expected at the end of this week or the beginning of next week.

"By trying to leave it to the last moment we are trying to mop up as many base rate changes as possible. Any decision we take will take into account any future changes predicted by the money markets. If it looks as if rates are stable we will work on 10 1/2 per cent," said Mr Bayliss.

Another reason for delaying any announcement is to gain a competitive advantage in the mortgage market. No lender wants to plunge in and announce a rate only to see the

competition either undercut the rate or set a higher rate.

The Halifax's 1.5 million borrowers can expect an increase of 1.5 to 2 percentage points to somewhere between 11.25 and 11.75 per cent. "We don't want to move and move again," says Mr Jim Birrell, chief executive-elect of the Halifax.

But the banks, which are more exposed to money market rates, have not been able to be so patient. Three banks, Barclays, Midland and the TSB, recently announced rises in their mortgage rates. Barclays moved first with a rate of 11.1 per cent, followed by Midland at 11.3 per cent and the TSB with a rate of 11.25 per cent for endowment mortgages and 11.6 per cent for repayment mortgages.

Official figures out yesterday confirmed the recent picture of strong growth in the economy. Retail sales rose to record levels last month and public sector borrowing was again held back by buoyant tax revenues.

The index of retail sales volume rose by 0.4 per cent to 137.4 (1980=100), 6.3 per cent up on a year earlier. In the latest three months, sales were up 1.25 per cent on the previous three months and by 6.5 per cent on a year earlier. Trade department officials said that the picture was one of strong but not accelerating growth. The average weekly value of sales last month was £2.06 billion, 10 per cent up on a year earlier.

The public sector borrowing requirement last month was £39 million, against City expectations of £50 million or more. In the first three months of the financial year the public sector was in surplus by £1.6 billion, and a repayment of £6 billion or more for the year is possible.

Inland Revenue receipts in the first three months were 13 per cent up on a year earlier, although officials cautioned against extrapolating this figure because of the Budget tax reductions. Customs and Excise receipts were 9 per cent up on a year earlier.

Sugar signs up with Big Blue's little tramp



Leading City lights: Charlie Chaplin, reborn as IBM's symbol, and Amstrad's Alan Sugar

Amstrad in IBM patent deal

By John Bell

Mr Alan Sugar went home from his distinctly low-tech office in Brentwood, Essex, yesterday £15 million richer. Not bad for an East End kid who started his foray into the world of business as a schoolboy by boiling beetroot for the local greengrocer.

The trigger for this upturn in Mr Sugar's wealth was a modest 6p rise in the shares of Amstrad, Mr Sugar's extraordinary consumer electronics group, in the wake of a patent agreement with IBM. Mr Sugar owns 250 million Amstrad shares. At £560 million, his paper fortune, exceeds that amassed by another Londoner, Charlie Chaplin, who figures in IBM's worldwide marketing campaign.

Since Amstrad entered the world of personal computers, dominated by mega-buck corporations such as IBM, it has confounded all the critics.

Yesterday, the upstart Amstrad received an accolade so far bestowed by the mighty IBM on only a handful of companies. "Big Blue," as it is known in the trade, has entered into an agreement which gives Amstrad worldwide access to IBM's patents.

The City liked the deal, as it removed the threat that one day IBM might turn the full blast of its legal powers on companies such as Amstrad, which have prospered on the back of IBM-compatible hardware.

Mr Sugar has always maintained that he carefully observes the intellectual property rights of other companies. But he will now be able to go about compatibility in a direct way, using IBM know-how, rather than reaching the same end by complex, more costly and slower means. "We no longer have to invent our own route to compatibility," Mr Sugar said.

The other side of the coin is that, where its technology is used in Amstrad products, IBM will receive a royalty. This, however, is unlikely to prove a brake on Amstrad's future growth.

Since his company floated in 1980, Mr Sugar has established a better track record than Houdini in escaping from the most dire predictions. Staid traditionalists said that Amstrad was a one-man band.

But ideas have never been in short supply since the Hackney-born Sugar first set up Alan M Sugar Trading, the forerunner of his quoted vehicle, selling car aerials from the back of a van.

Peachey rejects £265m bid from Wereldhave

By Cliff Feltham

Peachey Property Corporation, which owns London's Carnaby Street, yesterday rejected a £265 million hostile takeover bid from Wereldhave, the Dutch investment group.

The two sides had been locked in talks for a week after Wereldhave disclosed it had built up a 10.4 per cent stake in Peachey and wanted to make a recommended bid.

But last night Mr John Brown, the Peachey managing director, said the 61.2p a share in cash being offered by the Dutch group was not enough. "We are a long way apart on what we think our company is worth," he said.

In the stock market Peachey shares jumped 12p to 620p reflecting the market's view that the Dutch may be forced to offer more to win the battle.

In a statement to shareholders, urging them to take no action, Peachey said: "Wereldhave were given the opportunity and the courtesy of discussing with the board of Peachey an offer at a level which the board might be able to recommend but have chosen to proceed unilaterally."

"In doing so Wereldhave knew that an offer of 61.2p was a long way below a figure that

represented a premium of 45.4 per cent over Peachey's last published net asset value of 421p - and is 37 per cent above Peachey's share price on April 26 which was the day before it started building up its stake.

Mr Hans van der Made, the treasurer for Wereldhave, said it decided to launch a bid when it realized the talks were getting nowhere. "We decided there was no chance of reaching agreement with Peachey. They wanted a very high price. We wanted to avoid getting into a contested bid but there was no alternative."

Wereldhave is one of The Netherlands' leading property investment companies with interests throughout Europe and the United States. It has been keen to expand in Britain which currently represents 2 per cent of its assets. Last year the group, whose net worth stands at £327 million, reported net profits of £20.4 million.

Peachey earned profits before tax of £11.7 million last year and has a well balanced portfolio, 53 retail, 37 per cent office, 9 per cent industrial, and one per cent residential.

Carnaby Street is the jewel in the crown accounting for 22 per cent of the portfolio.



No choice: Van der Made

Whitcroft in £34m disposal

Mr Peter Aldridge, who led the management buyout of Thermoalite from John Laing in 1983, is buying the Whitcroft builders merchant business for £34 million through Needwood Holdings.

After the takeover of Thermoalite by Marley, Mr Aldridge joined the Marley main board. He resigned from Marley at the end of 1987 to pursue his own business interests. It is his intention to develop Needwood, which operates a builders merchants business in Birmingham, into a national chain.

Whitcroft, which is an industrial holding company with interests in textiles, building supplies, lighting and property development, will continue to expand its manufacturing of building products

Oil licence applicants face checks into safety records

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

The Government has released more details of the offshore oil licences it will offer - and given warning that the safety record of each applicant company will be under scrutiny.

Each applicant will be interviewed individually by the Department of Energy, which had originally planned to issue the details of the day after the Piper Alpha disaster.

The new licences, covering 212 exploration blocks, will be granted next year. Applications close in the first week of February.

For the first time, acreage is being offered in the Cardigan Bay area of Wales, but the bulk will be in the traditional oil-producing areas of the North Sea.

There will be 48 on offer in the central North Sea, 47 in the northern sector, 43 in the

southern fields, 19 in the Irish Sea, 17 in the Moray Firth area, 12 in the Orkney/Shetland region, 10 in the Shetland/Faroes area, seven on the Hebridean shelf, five in the English Channel, two in the Firth of Forth and two in Cardigan Bay.

• A £2.5 billion (£2.59 billion) project to develop the Hibernia oilfield off the coast of Newfoundland was unveiled yesterday in St John's.

Hibernia will be Canada's first important undersea oil development. Both the federal government and the Newfoundland provincial government will subsidize the undertaking, which will be carried out by a five-company consortium led by Mobil Canada Ltd of Calgary. Hibernia, located 190 miles

east of St John's, was discovered in the late 1970s but plans to exploit its resources fell through with the collapse of world oil prices a few years later.

Even today's world price of around \$14 is far below the break-even point for Hibernia - estimated to be close to \$22, hence the need for government subsidies. These will amount to one-fifth or more of the development cost.

Most governments are counting on Hibernia, which has proven reserves of about 525 million barrels, being a long-term winner.

Production is expected to begin in 1995. Total investment in the development over a 20-year period, including the cost of a platform, is expected to approach Canadian \$10 billion.

Beleaguered food group accuses bank of breach of faith

RHM breaks links with Midland

By Graham Searjeant

Ranks Hovis McDougall, the food group facing a threatened £1.5 billion takeover bid, has accused the Midland Bank, one of its principal bankers, of a breach of faith. It alleges that it was given oral assurances by Midland on March 29 that the bank would not participate in any action hostile to the interests of RHM or its shareholders.

Midland has subsequently emerged as a leading member of a syndicate of banks brought together by Samuel Montagu, its investment banking subsidiary, to provide conditional finance for a hostile bid for RHM by Goodman Fielder Warte, the Australian food group.

Mr Peter Espenhahn of Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank which is advising RHM, said that Midland had volunteered the assurance that it would not act as a predator. The alleged assurance is understood to have been

made at a lunch between Mr Bob Rogerson and Mr Richard Endacott, RHM's finance director and group treasurer, and Mr David Potter, Midland's global corporate banking director.

In a tense telephone conversation with Midland Bank's chairman Sir Kit McMahon yesterday morning, Mr Stanley Metcalfe, RHM's managing director, formally terminated all its banking arrangements with Midland.

In a statement later, Mr Metcalfe said: "It is very sad for us to have to terminate a long-standing relationship with one of our principal bankers, but in view of their decision to try to help GFW to obtain such highly leveraged financing - for a group whose gearing levels already appear alarmingly high - we were left with no alternative."

Mr Alan Macdonald, Midland's spokesman, refused to confirm or deny the charge that Midland had broken faith

with RHM, and Mr Potter did not answer a telephone call from The Times. Although Midland has recently reorganized its operations, the global corporate banking director would normally have had a role in syndication of loans.

Mr Macdonald acknowledged, however, that Midland had found itself in a conflict of interest by being potentially on both sides of a transaction. "I think you will see more of this happening in future," he said.

It is understood that Midland decided it had a stronger and more profitable relationship with Goodman Fielder than with RHM. Dominguez Barry Samuel Montagu, Midland's Australian investment bank, has a close relationship with Goodman Fielder.

The Bank of England declined to comment, but is likely to take an interest in anything that has an impact on the reputation of a British bank.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

AGB shares halted on takeover speculation

Shares in AGB Research, the country's largest market research company and a bid favourite, were suspended yesterday on news of talks which would have a "material effect" on the company's business.

DRG Sacks fetches £14m

DRG, the stationery and packaging company, has sold its paper sack manufacturing business, DRG Sacks, to Korsnas, a Swedish firm, for £14 million.

Jarvis Porter purchase

Jarvis Porter Group, the specialist labels and packaging printer, has paid about £2.15 million cash for Brookside Design, which prints leaflets, brochures, stationery and other promotional material.

Properties for Dwyer

Dwyer has acquired a portfolio of 10 properties from Mountjay, valued at £11.58 million, to be paid for by the issue of 2 million shares and £7.35 million cash.

First Designers buy

Company of Designers, the building design group which joined the USM just before the October crash, has made its first acquisition as a quoted company with the £1.81 million purchase of Sibley Robinson, a Cambridge firm of consulting engineers.

Trade journal £35m finance for Quarto

Quarto Group, the book packaging and publishing company, has acquired Communications Engineering International, a trade magazine, for an initial £310,000.

Expansion at Connells

Connells Estate Agents is paying an initial £750,000 in a mixture of cash and shares to take over R Lovett & Partners, the residential estate agents with six offices in the Thames area.

ANZ change at the top

Sir William Vines, chairman of the Australia and New Zealand Banking Group, is to retire next January 23. He will be succeeded by Mr Miltona Bridgland, the deputy chairman, who is also chairman of ICI Australia.

£35m finance for project

Shire Trust, a bank which caters for the needs of medium-sized companies, has signed a £35 million credit to finance the development of a residential and commercial site at The Circle, Queen Elizabeth Street, in south-east London.

Carless for a harvest in two years

Britain's independent oil companies are usually seen as no more than semi-serious players in the industry - mere speculative counters looking for the next big oil discovery, or targets waiting to be taken over.

Dwarfed by Royal Dutch Shell, British Petroleum, the US leaders and, perhaps by the enormity of undertaking exploration in the North Sea, the independents lurched from one cash crisis to the next in an effort to stay in existence until the first North Sea oil gushed forth, promising riches.

Many companies such as Carless, Capel & Leonard, a member of the Wyth Farm consortium, now deserve to be taken more seriously.

Carless, capitalized at more than £200 million, has been aggressively building its downstream business both through acquisition and investment while awaiting the Wyth Farm oil bonanza in two years' time.

Since the disposal of its interest in Century Power & Light to Acre Oil in April for £52 million, it has had, in the words of Mr Ian Clubb, the chief executive, "resources coming out of its ears."

Mr Clubb expects the downstream business to be contributing about 40 per cent of profits in 1991 when Wyth Farm is in full flood.

However, there is still criticism that following the en-

forced disposal of Century, Power & Light, Carless has insufficient tax shelter for the mammoth petroleum revenue tax liabilities Wyth Farm will generate in the 1990s.

It may be that Carless will be unable to avoid paying at least a proportion of the potentially large tax bills starting in 1992, but there is still time.

With so many producers short of tax shelter, though, competition for exploration acreage, both through farming and licence applications such as the eleventh licensing round, details of which were announced yesterday, will remain fierce.

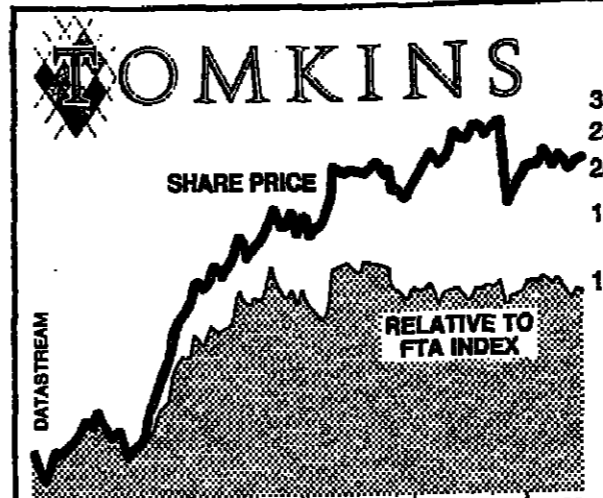
But it is surely better to be in a position to pay tax than to have no income.

The prospective 36 times p/e on this year's earnings may look expensive, but for those prepared to wait a couple of years for Wyth Farm, yesterday's closing price of 119p will look ridiculously cheap.

Whitcroft

It is as encouraging to see an industrial holding company make a positive decision to get out of a business sector as it is to see it make acquisitions.

In Whitcroft's case, it is doing both, simultaneously expanding its building product manufacturing business, while withdrawing from builder's merchants.



Compared with two years ago, the builder's merchants business has staged a spectacular recovery.

But, having turned it round, doubling its profits to £2.8 million, Whitcroft has decided that strategically, it had two alternatives - to expand the business to a national scale, or sell it.

It was unprepared to commit the resources required to take it national, hence the sale.

Hugh Hughes, the Anglesey based builder's merchant offered for sale to Whitcroft after the decision to withdraw from this type of business had been taken, fitted in so well geographically that Whitcroft

Tomkins

Tomkins may be a conglomerate, but it objects strongly to being classified as a financial manipulator of businesses, stressing all the while that industrial management is the key to the company's growth.

Indeed, with organic growth in pre-tax profits from continuing businesses of 24 per cent last year, Tomkins is not just relying on acquisitions.

The stringent criteria required by the group before making acquisitions - avoiding earnings dilution at all costs - means Tomkins's acquisitions are not as regular as is often suggested.

The imminent purchase of Murray Ohio will be concluded a year after Tomkins bought Smith and Wesson.

But acquisitions remain important for Tomkins, if only to provide the raw material to be "Tomkinised." This involves the initial cost cutting, elimination of poor performers and the development of higher margin businesses which is the group's trade mark.

The stock market finds it hard, however, to distinguish between Tomkins's more conservative and risk-averse philosophy, and the traditional asset stripping approach preferred by some other operators in the sector.

Clever accounting techniques, for instance, are not

used by Tomkins, so its achievements or otherwise are clear to see.

Thus the shares are languishing at a discount to the market and other conglomerates, despite well above average earnings per share growth.

Part of this is due to Tomkins being relatively un-fashionable compared with its nearest rival, Williams Holdings.

A more aggressive approach and deals which brought significant international brand names has made Williams the favourite of late.

But now Tomkins has clinched the long-awaited US deal and Williams is due to move again and may issue more shares, which could put Tomkins back in front while the bears worry unduly about the long-term prospects for Murray Ohio.

Gearing after this deal will be no more than 12 per cent and will fall as cash continues to be generated.

Fully diluted earnings per share this year should rise by 31 per cent to 25.7p based on a conservative pre-tax profit estimate of £62.5 million.

The shares are not expensive on a price-earnings ratio of 9.3 and deserve a higher rating given Tomkins's consistent performance and the underlying quality of the earnings.

London Secs to pay out

By Colin Campbell

London Securities, the property group run by Mr David Pearl which was forced to abandon its £70 million bid for Estates Property Investment Company on a technicality last October, says that now that its capital reconstruction is complete it feels able to recommend a modest dividend.

The company is declaring a 0.5p-a-share payment against nil last time. It adds that it intends to continue to pay dividends and that an increased one next year is likely.

Pre-tax profits for the year ended March jumped to £4.21 million compared with £1.6 million previously and earnings a share rose to 7.6p compared with a restated 4.1p a share.

Atlantic to announce buyer

By Martin Waller

Atlantic Computers, the country's largest independent computer equipment hirer, is ready today to announce an agreed takeover bid, valuing the company at more than the £270 million market price tag at which shares were suspended yesterday.

An earlier bid approach from an unnamed party made the company call a halt to share dealing at 36p.

"It will be an offer that will be recommended both by the board of Atlantic and its merchant bankers, NM Rothschild, and it will be a good news announcement," said Mr John Tompkins, the chief executive.

The bid would not be in any way conditional on the Office of Fair Trading, he added. But he refused to reveal the identity of the mystery party.

Market talk immediately suggested that a bid for Atlantic might provide a home for some of the cash mountain held by the General Electric Company.

Judge to decide on McDonald Wheeler

The receiver of McDonald Wheeler Fund Management, the insurance and investment broker, put forward a compromise in the High Court yesterday for investors to receive some of the £8.8 million they claim to have lost.

The Vice-Chancellor, Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, is being asked to approve a scheme which will give investors a share in the £4 million assets the receiver has been able to trace.

The company was wound up on the application of the Department of Trade and Industry in October 1986 when it ran into trouble after £13 million of £25 million received from investors was placed in nine in-house funds.

Those funds were then further invested in private companies controlled by the company's directors, Mr John Wheeler, his wife Joan, and Dr Michael Lanigan.

Mr Terence Mowchensen, counsel for the company's receiver and liquidator, Mr Nicholas Roger-Lyle, said the scheme sought a compromise on how best to deal with the distribution of the assets.

He said the company's records of whose money had been used for what were "grossly inadequate" and in a "tremendous mess."

UK to share in record £34m GEC order for transmitters

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

The General Electric Company has secured its largest contract for high-power broadcasting transmitters, worth initially \$57 million (£34 million).

The contract will provide 10 500-KW short-wave transmitters for Voice of America's Morocco broadcasting installation. The order has been placed by the United States Information Agency.

Voice of America wants to modernize other installations and there is an option to buy an additional 22 transmitters which would bring the total value of the contracts to \$150 million (£90 million).

Marconi Electronics and Cincinnati Corporation, the US subsidiaries of GEC, will be the main beneficiaries of the contract.

But Marconi Communications at Chelmsford, Essex, which has been building transmitters since the early days of broadcasting, is involved in initial production work and will be transferring technology to the US. It could mean a small amount of additional recruitment at Chelmsford.

60,000 support charity in payroll schemes

By Our Economics Editor

More than 60,000 people are now giving regularly to charity through payroll giving schemes. These schemes, which were introduced in the 1986 Budget, enable employees to obtain tax relief on regular gifts to charities deducted directly from the paycheck.

At a seminar at Lancaster House in London yesterday, the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, was joined by the TV personality Ronnie Corbett in a promotion of the schemes.

"It's very simple really," said Mr Corbett. "You ask your employer to deduct the money from your pay, before he takes off the tax."

"So if I decide to give £1 a week, that's £4 a month, that's £4 I don't have to pay tax on. That saves me £1. The charity gets the full £4 - £3 of that comes from me and £1 comes from the Chancellor."

The Chancellor said it was up to charities to take advantage of the vast potential of the schemes and up to employers to make sure employees knew all about them.

Charitable giving by the public has doubled in real terms since 1979 to £720 million in 1986-87. Government grants and payments to voluntary bodies has also almost doubled between 1979-80 and 1985-86 to £268 million.

Moorgate merger near

By Our City Staff

Moorgate Group, the financial marketing company, should announce today or tomorrow agreed merger terms with Keston, the former Gianfield Lawrence property and motor dealer which is being revamped into a marketing services group.

Moorgate's shares were suspended more than a fortnight ago on news of a bid approach.

Mr Jeremy Bond, the chairman, said talks had taken longer than expected, but there was no serious hitch. He again refused to name the prospective suitor, but market observers all point to Keston, which is being built up by Mr Walter Dickson, a former European president of Mars, the US confectionery giant.

At yesterday's share price of 90p, Keston has a price tag of £9 million, some £1.6 million higher than Moorgate at its 116p suspension price.

The Royal Bank of Scotland plc Base Rate. The Royal Bank of Scotland announces that with effect from close of business on 18 July 1988 its Base Rate for advances will be increased from 10% to 10 1/2% per annum.

Coutts & Co. announce that their Base Rate is increased from 10.00% to 10.50% per annum with effect from the 18th July 1988 until further notice.

National Westminster Bank PLC. NatWest announces that with effect from and including Monday 18th July 1988 its Base Rate is increased from 10.00% to 10.50% per annum.

Girobank plc Base Rate. Girobank announces that with effect from close of business on 18 July 1988 its Base Rate was increased from 10% to 10.5% per annum.

UK to share in record £34m GEC order for transmitters. Marconi won the Voice of America contract against tough competition from other key world suppliers of transmitters. The additional 22 transmitters for Voice of America, if the option is taken up, would go to Sri Lanka, Thailand and Botswana.

Table with multiple columns: COMPANY BRIEFS, TRADITIONAL OPTIONS, ALPHA STOCKS. Includes financial data for various companies like GEAIG SHIPPING, ENTERTAINMENT PROD, LEISURETIME INTL, and a list of stocks with prices and volumes.

Profit doubled to £47m as Tomkins beats bid forecast

By Alexandra Jackson

Tomkins, the fast-growing industrial conglomerate, beat the profit forecast made during its current offer for Murray Ohio, the US group, with a pre-tax figure of £47.1 million, up 56 per cent.

Earnings per share on a fully diluted basis increased 38 per cent to 19.7p.

Mr Gregory Hutchings, chief executive of Tomkins, said yesterday: "We are very confident of continued out-performance."

Sales last year rose from £207.1 million to £312.3 million, so pre-tax margins widened from 14.5 per cent to 15.1 per cent. A final dividend of 3.15p makes a total of 4.5p for the year.

Tomkins has made a recommended tender offer for Murray Ohio, a US lawnmower and bicycle group. The first closing of the offer is on Friday.

Mr Hutchings said there should be opportunities to cut costs at Murray Ohio and to improve its cash flow.

Mr Hutchings also pointed to the longer-term attractions of the markets Murray Ohio operated in.

"Demand for bicycles is growing by 13.7 per cent a year," he said, "and import penetration is stabilizing, while ride-on and push-be-

hind mowers are growing by 11 per cent and 4 per cent respectively."

Tomkins' results included a contribution of around £8 million from Smith and Wesson for just over ten months. Mr Hutchings said he was pleased with this acquisition which was showing good potential for profitable growth.

Tomkins' three leading operating divisions - building products, services to industry and professional and consumer products - all increased sales and trading profits last year.

The industrial products division had a more difficult time, however, and trading profits slipped from £4.8 million to £4.7 million.

Margins in industrial products also suffered, as they did in professional and consumer products. The latter was influenced by the inclusion of Smith and Wesson, naturally a lower margin business.

Mr Hutchings stressed Tomkins' broadening base and its exposure to businesses dealing with low-risk technologies.

This, he claimed, limited the downside to investors considering investing in Tomkins' shares.

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Great expectations: Gregory Hutchings after announcing better-than-forecast profits (Photo: James Morgan)

Shield: no insider charges on DTI probe

There are to be no prosecutions under insider dealing law as a consequence of the Department of Trade and Industry inquiry into dealings in the shares of Shield Group, it was disclosed by the company yesterday.

The DTI itself is making no announcement, but has authorized Shield to announce that there will be no prosecutions.

Mr Norman Masure, the Shield chairman, says his board is "not aware that any director of Shield used or disclosed any information other than property to its advisers or to others involved in the transaction or dealt directly or indirectly in Shield shares during the relevant period."

The company is prohibited from disclosing details of the inquiry, which was launched following a sharp rise in the Shield share price prior to the announcement of a deal with Heron Corporation last year.

Mr Masure said "the board intends to put this issue behind it", adding that he hopes "shareholders will benefit from the restoration of the group's credibility." The inquiry related to share dealings and not to any dealings or transactions by the company itself, he said.

Amber Day in £4m cash call

Amber Day, the clothing group which recently agreed the acquisition of Barrie Menswear (London) for £5.53 million from Ford Sellar Morris, plans a £4 million rights issue on the basis of one-for-three at 37.5p a share.

The Amber acquisition is to be settled by the issue of 13 million shares at 42.5p each. Ford Sellar will dispose of the 13 million Amber shares of which 4.25 million will go to Aldwick Associates, a member of the Blue Arrow group.

Agreed bid

Shares in Babygro, the five children's clothing manufacturer, dropped 38 per cent to 40p on news that it has agreed a £4.4 million bid from textiles group, Robert Lowe. Robert Lowe is offering three of its shares for every 14 Babygro shares, valuing each Babygro share at 42p.

New company

Mountleigh Group, the property developer, has established a new company responsible for group developments in the North of England and yesterday unveiled plans for two projects - including a £70 million complex in Leeds.

COMMENT David Brewerton SE puts a dimmer on BZW and Kleinwort

Bright and early Monday morning is as good a time as any to rub a little salt into old wounds, and that is what the Stock Exchange (unintentionally) did with its announcement of the training details for Saef. The acronym stands for Saef Automatic Execution Facility, and the announcement came on the screen almost at the moment that Barclays de Zoete Wedd was switching on its computers to launch its own automatic execution service for small bargains.

The reasoning behind the launch of automatic execution systems is absolutely straightforward: computers are quite capable of transacting business with each other, buying or selling stock from a market-maker's book. It is the supermarket approach: at the end of the session the agency firm which has traded with the market-maker files through an electronic checkout, pays his bill for the shares purchased, and delivers his goods on to the ultimate customer.

Small bargains cost as much in terms of man-hours, office space and computer time as large ones; sometimes even more, since small bargains are usually transacted for the less sophisticated and knowledgeable investor.

The question is: should the Stock Exchange provide the facility or should this be provided by the market makers themselves? Two market-makers, BZW and Kleinwort Griesvonn, have each invested a great deal of money in developing automatic execution facilities.

They work on the basis that they will transact small bargains on the basis of

the most competitive price available on the Saef screen. Kleinwort's system, Best, is up and running and BZW will officially announce its first customer for trade later this week.

The Stock Exchange system will direct the trade to the market-maker showing the most competitive price, and will be available to all its members. But while firms transacting business on an agency basis may be quite happy to take any of the three competing services, it remains beyond dispute that the Saef system has been developed with financial resources partly subscribed by the two market-makers, BZW and Kleinwort, who stand to lose business when the Stock Exchange system gets off the ground in the autumn.

The BZW and Kleinwort systems could together provide all the capacity which is needed for the whole market to go on to autopilot, and there seems little need of the additional service from the Stock Exchange. Two market-makers do, after all, constitute a choice for the consumer and it is totally open for any other market-maker to launch his own facility.

David Lister, project manager for the Saef system, was not able to provide us with an estimate of the development cost of the system, but did volunteer that the Saef automatic execution facility is only the first stepping stone towards a much wider range of services which the Stock Exchange is planning to introduce. If those further services bring the Exchange into more competition with its own members, then they may take a less phlegmatic view of the situation than currently seems the case.

Courage, Mr Lawson

Is that a hump on Nigel Lawson's back? No, it is Sir Alan Walters. The latest 62-year-old recruit to the ranks of teenage scribbles is not making the Chancellor's task easier, in adding his voice to the City's demands for base rates of 12 per cent, or else.

On Thursday of last week, suggestions that the markets would be disappointed with a half-point base rate rise the following Monday would have seemed far-fetched. The better-than-expected industrial production and average earnings data acted as a counterweight to some of the other overheating evidence that has emerged of late. And while Friday's inflation figures were bad, they were within the range of expectations.

The sharp change in money market sentiment on Friday represented the sort of development that is hard for the authorities to cope with. If they had raised rates yesterday by the full point the markets wanted, they would have been accused of panic. By limiting the rise to half a point, they are accused of timidity. Thus, yesterday's move will

certainly not be the last in the current cycle and does not represent the peak for base rates this year.

It is possible to find some justification in the Treasury's half-point approach. It has to keep a wary eye on the exchange rate and it is concerned not to precipitate a sudden turnaround in sentiment in the currency markets. In addition, the official view remains that overheating fears have been grossly overstated.

Having said that, the Chancellor has only himself to blame for the current situation and the perception in the markets that he is not entirely in control of policy. Cutting interest rates into sterling's earlier rise may have seemed like a good idea at the time but, with hindsight, has to be seen as a high-risk strategy. Arguably, interest rates would now be lower if the Chancellor had the courage of his convictions, holding to his repeatedly stated view that sterling's strength was unsustainable, and had been prepared to allow the pound temporarily to rise.

Acquisitive Carless in £10m deal

By Carol Ferguson

Carless, Capel & Leonard, the independent oil company has made its sixth acquisition since its March year-end by buying Pentagon, a speciality chemicals company, for £10 million.

Based at Worthington, Cumbria, Pentagon manufactures its own products and processes chemicals.

The majority of Pentagon's shares are held by 31 and Northern Investors, the venture capital groups, and MV Hardy, the chemical trading company. Dr Peter Inglis, Pentagon's managing director, owns a little over 10 per cent. Carless will pay for the acquisition with £8.6 million in cash and 1.2 million new ordinary shares.

Pentagon's profits were £1.01 million in the year to last March on turnover of £5.1 million, implying a fully taxed exit multiple of 15.

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£25m boost for Electrolux

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Electrolux of Sweden plans to invest another £25 million on its domestic electrical appliances operation in Britain, bringing total spending to £57 million.

The new spending is on plant and equipment for a new range of electric cookers to be produced at Spennymoor, County Durham, where Electrolux is turning out cookers under the Tricity, Zanussi and Electrolux brand names.

A further £250,000 is being invested, again in the North-east, in the former Zanussi microwave oven factory at

Peterlee, where all Electrolux group production of electronic noise filters will be centred.

The transfer of this production from Italy is expected to create 50 jobs at Peterlee, where the workforce currently numbers about 30.

It was the potential of the Spennymoor complex which was a key factor in Electrolux's decision to buy last summer the main domestic appliance divisions of Thorn EMI.

Electrolux already claims to have turned the loss-making complex to profit. Electrolux has just completed the ac-

quisition of the factory site from Thorn EMI for £8 million.

The Spennymoor development rounds off Electrolux investment in domestic appliance "white goods." Earlier spending had gone into production boosts, mainly for vacuum cleaners, microwave ovens, domestic refrigerators and gas cookers.

But there could be further investment to come in Britain in other sectors in which Electrolux is involved, said Dr Roger Baxter, managing director of Electrolux in the UK.

Midland expands leasing operation

Midland Bank has completed the programme of exchanges and rationalizations with Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation by the purchase of Concord Leasing, HongkongBank's British leasing operation.

Midland is paying £14.25 million for Concord, which will now form part of Forward

Trust, Midland's own leasing company.

Midland said that Concord's business was complementary to that of Forward Trust and will be made to focus increasingly on vendor schemes, sales and leasing and printing equipment finance.

Last year, Concord produced pre-tax profits of £1.7

million, with total assets of £177.7 million.

The deal concludes the complex series of agreements under which Midland and HongkongBank have integrated their international operations.

HongkongBank last year bought 14.9 per cent of Midland.

Record returns for property investors

By Cliff Feltham

Fund managers who invested in bricks and mortar last year made three times as much money as they would have from investing in the stock market.

The total return last year on British property was a record 24.9 per cent, compared with a rise of 10.4 per cent the previous year. By comparison, the FT-All-Share index rose by 8 per cent.

According to the MGL-CIG Property Index - which covers commercial property hold-

ings worth £14.5 billion - the sector outperformed not just the stock market, but all other forms of British investment as well.

The survey shows that the British industrial market is enjoying a boom not seen since 1980, with total returns rising by 19.5 per cent. This compares with a 6.5 per cent improvement the previous year. The increase has been fuelled by demand for factory space from many of Britain's expanding industries.

Office property showed the highest total return since the

survey was first compiled in 1978 at 28.3 per cent.

The survey points out: "The almost consistently higher annual rates of return produced in equity markets since the early 1980s, when compared to returns on property, did not persist through 1987."

"For the first time since 1981 investment in property produced a better annual rate of return."

"In addition, a comparison of the annualized rates of return for the two types of investment for the 10-year period of the index clearly

demonstrates the wisdom of having held a proportion of assets in direct property."

The index is prepared by the Corporate Intelligence Group on behalf of Morgan Grenfell Laurie, the broker, and covers a third of all British institutional property holdings.

Miss Susan Courtney, the head of research at Morgan Grenfell Laurie, remains optimistic: "We forecast that UK property investment returns will continue to compare favourably with equity investment in the current market," she said.

Birch's love games

Philip Birch, the energetic chairman of Halfords-to-Owen Owen and Payless DIY group Ward White, yesterday spent an extra day at his weekend retreat - a splendid 17th century country house in Northamptonshire where the Queen Mother once lived - to celebrate the fourth birthday of his youngest son, Jamie. It also gave the 55-year-old father of eight - five by his first wife and three by his second - a chance to rest his aching limbs after participating in a doubles tennis tournament between his family and the Press. Partnered by Kim, his eldest daughter, Birch was knocked out in the second round. But his son-in-law Guy Millar, husband of Kim and home on leave from the HongKong and Shanghai Bank, salvaged the family honour by winning the final - albeit with more than a little help from his partner, Brian Zlotnick, a Financial Weekly journalist. According to his curriculum vitae, Birch lists his hobbies as football as well as tennis, and he is, I am assured, rather better at the former. Indeed, his interest in the game extends to his ardent support of Liverpool Football Club, the cry from whence he hails. Until his more recent success with Ward White, he was apparently best-known beside the Mersey for being a trainee librarian in Liverpool Public Library, and then, at the age of 16, becoming a merchant seaman, just like his dad.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Rising son of Ireland

David Ireland, son of BTR's legendary former finance director, Norman Ireland, is clearly a similarly rising star in the world of stockbroking. Once a City journalist on the Evening Standard, Ireland joined three years ago to join Quilter Goodison, and was almost immediately snapped up by Warberg Securities -

then Rows & Pittman - as an industrial holding companies analyst, among much else. He has now been poached once again by Hoare Govett to head a team of three analysts covering that same vast sector. He joins in a month's time and will replace Mark Cassack, who was recently promoted to head of research.

Dayzed

One could have understood it if Professor Roland Smith had appeared a little battered when agreement over British Aerospace's acquisition of Rover was finally reached. But

none of it. The BAe chairman strode into the DTI press conference room in Victoria Street about 20 minutes ahead of Lord Young, looking fit, well and combative. It was Graham Day, the Rover chairman, who was sporting a nasty-looking gash across the forehead. Had heads been knocked together in the preceding 24 hours? No, Day assured. "I just walked into a car door. Honest."

Young runs

The collection boxes at Consolidated Gold Fields are about to be rattled again. Michael Young, the head of ConsGold's PR department - and once one of Edward Heath's economic advisers - is leaving, after 14 years with the mining group. Michael, who enjoys the occasional cigar, is, from September, to be head of public affairs at BAT Industries.

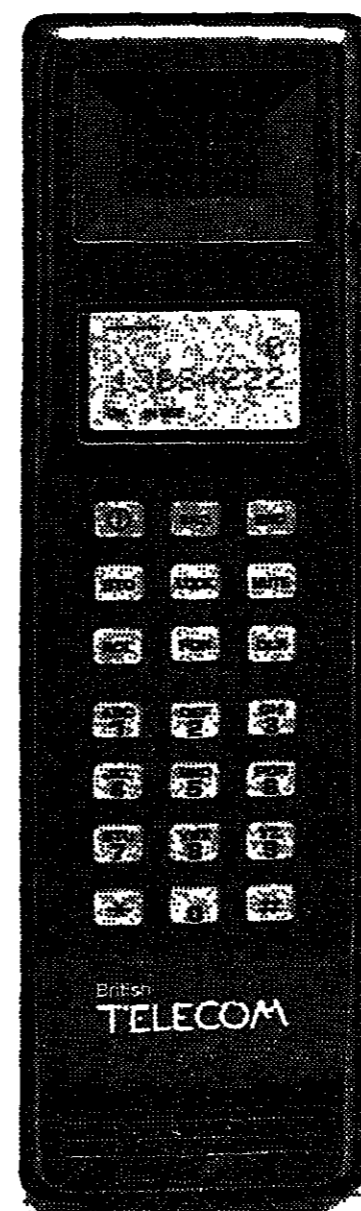
Cooke report

Peter Cooke, aged 56, the Bank of England's international supervision guru and one of its less pompous directors, tells me he intends to break the mould when he "retires" from the Bank in November. Though delphic about most of his plans, Cooke is adamant that he does not want to "go off and run a bank." This flies in the face of the recent trend for ex-Old Lady employees to attempt to turn round ailing banks, as Rodney Galpin is about to do at Standard Chartered and Sir Kit McMahon is doing at Midland. But perhaps it is simply that there are no decent-sized banks in trouble right now for Cooke to take over - David Walker, after all, is having to make do with the SIB. Cooke, whom many feel unfairly took the rap for the near-collapse of Johnson Matthey Bankers, does, however, intend to continue working within the financial services arena. One of his last tasks at the Bank will be to chair the Cooke Committee of international bank supervisors in Tokyo in October. "I'll be taking a slow boat to Tokyo, and an even slower boat home," he says.

The chief executive of a fast-growing public company tells me he recently summoned his finance director to his office for a meeting. Upon his arrival he asked the director why he had not brought any papers with him. "Because yesmen don't need papers," came the swift reply.

Carol Leonard

That's about the size of it.



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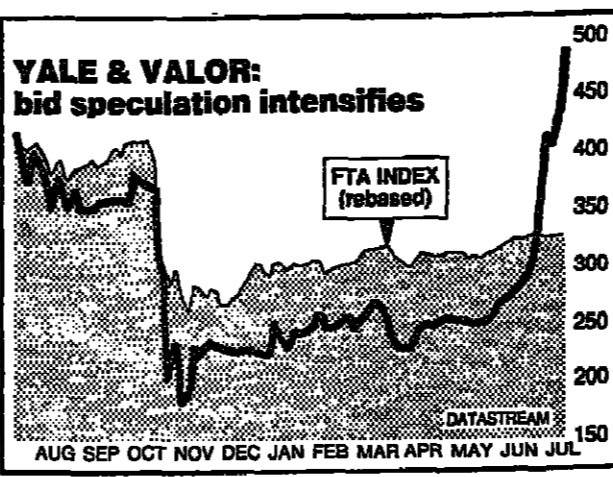
New York (Reuters) - Shares still showed losses in early trading yesterday but were above their opening lows. Brokers said that, as expected, the market gave up Friday's gains which were based on futures options expirations. Then, they said, it began to respond more positively to a sharp drop in commodity prices.

Table with columns for company names and stock prices. Includes AMR Co, ASA, Aena Life, Allied Signal, etc.

STOCK MARKET

ICI figures are expected to boost equities' confidence

Dealers, wondering what it will take to shake the equity market out of its current apathetic state, should look no further than Thursday week - the day that Imperial Chemical Industries, Britain's biggest industrial company and market bellwether, announces its second-quarter results.



YALE & VALOR: bid speculation intensifies. FTSE INDEX (rebased) AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL

In a note recommending the shares of ICI as a strong buy, analysts are convinced that the figures will be good and if Mr Martin Evans, an analyst at Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers, the broker, is correct, the shares should soon start to accelerate and help to restore some much-needed confidence to the market.

Bank dealers awaiting the clearing banks' interim dividend season could soon have more exciting things to get their teeth into. The word is that the Kuwait Investment Office is on the verge of selling its 14.44 per cent stake in the Royal Bank of Scotland. RBS closed mangled at 368p.

Buyers chased the shares higher in anticipation of a full-scale bid battle for Mr Michael Montague's company this week. Williams Holdings, Mr Nigel Rudd's aggressive, diversified industrial group, has already revealed that it owns a 3.9 per cent stake in Yale and Valor.

Prospects are for continued growth and Mr Evans says that the shares, currently standing at a 25 per cent discount to the market, are due for a re-rating. He says that currency and oil price movements are both working in the group's favour and, with recessionary fears fading fast, he can confidently upgrade his pre-tax profits forecast for next year from £1.56 billion to £1.6 billion.

Although Wall Street opened with a sharp fall, prices in London picked up on bear closing to finish above the lowest levels of the day. The FT-SE 100 index dropped below the 1,850 level, closing 12.2 points lower at 1,849.3 after 1,841.5. The narrower FT 30 share index closed 14.2 points off at 1,483.3.

Another top executive resigns at Harris group

Harris Queensway, the retailer now under agreed offer from a consortium led by Mr James Gulliver, has lost another top executive with the resignation of Mr Keith Beattie, the group personnel director.

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TECHNOLOGY

Nick Nuttall reports on a precise way of taking internal temperatures of patients

A pill-size sensing device developed using space-flight technology which, when swallowed, takes highly accurate readings of the body's internal temperature, is being launched in Britain and America next month.

The capsule, Cortemp, is the brain-child of medical engineers and designers at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory in Baltimore, working in conjunction with NASA scientists.

They claim the device - which is believed to be in line for federal drug administration and thus British Government Medical Equipment approval this month - is set to become a powerful tool in the war against hypothermia.

Instead of the uncomfortable, embarrassing and time-consuming measurements made using conventional, oral and anal thermometers, potential victims' vital temperature fluctuations are recorded over a three-day period as the capsule passes through the body's digestive system.

This gives medical researchers not only an early warning and constant monitoring of life-endangering temperature falls but a 72-hour chart of times in a day when hypothermia sufferers are at greatest risk.

At the heart of the internal thermometer is a quartz crystal whose degree of vibration depends on the capsule's outside temperature.

Powered by a miniature cadmium-nickel battery, the vibrations are picked up by a tiny coil surrounding the crystals and their connected printed circuits, which relay the information to a personal computer or a belt-worn receiver the size of a pocket calculator.

The whole unit is encased in an outer silicone and inner epoxy shell which can withstand the corrosive actions of digestive juices and is designed to be disposable after its trip through the body.

An official of the Johns Hopkins team said it was the development for the US space programme of micro batteries and their capacity to hold several days worth of charge that had led to the gadget's success.

She stresses that the thermometer - which is expected to be available in Britain at about £50 per unit - was just the first stage in a variety of pill-size internal bio-sensors on which the



Fred Davies, head of Oxford's Micro Medics Limited with the temperature monitor a patient swallows.

Body-check pill

Johns Hopkins team are now working. Within a year or so, the official said, the Hopkins medical engineers hope to have a combined temperature, pH and heart-rate monitor available, which will also record pressure in the gut.

She added: "This will take the whole field of physiological monitoring into a completely new realm. So far as we know no device is available which can perform all these functions internally or track the gut's pressure as food passes through."

Fred Davies, head of Oxford's Micro Medics Limited - the British-based commercial arm for Cortemp - said he had also been contacted by several industrial concerns seeking a

variation of the device for a variety of undisclosed uses. But he stressed that, though industrial applications were still some years away, the monitor, even at its simplest temperature-detecting level, had medical implications beyond just treating hypothermia sufferers.

It seems that diet centres, which use the relationship between calorie-burning and body heat to help clients more effectively manage weight loss, and birth-control clinics are queuing up to harness the device.

Mr Davies said: "Women who want to conceive or ones who do not wish to become pregnant but don't want to use inhibition equipment construct temperature charts of their menstrual

cycles. The point at which the egg is released and a day either side is their time of maximum fertility and this is accompanied by a half degree rise.

"The problem is that an untrained person can make mistakes and doctors can't be sure if she is taking her temperature properly."

"So, instead, on the 12th day she swallows the device and over the next three days you get a very accurate monitor of temperature. Over three months this will give her a very precise chart which can tell her that say, on the fourth hour of the 14 day that is when the egg is released."

Mr Davies added that the cycle can be monitored on either an out-patient or private clinic basis.

PERSPECTIVE

Have the big shows had their heyday?

Disappointing attendances at some general computer exhibitions in terms of visitors and exhibitors raises questions about their future. Are these shows still feasible or has their heyday passed?

The big companies - IBM, DEC, Microsoft, Compaq and Ashton-Tate - appear to take the latter view. None of them has exhibited at the recent PC User Show this year.

Marketing departments are reviewing their exhibition policy. The trend seems to have established that, in terms of prestige and profit, such general shows often no longer bring in worthwhile returns for exhibitors.

Supporters of the shows argue that without them users would lose the chance to see new products and the latest developments. But the reactions of users contradict this. Simply, if the chance is so valuable, why are visitors not flocking to the events?

The truth is that users are still as keen to see the market but are turning to specialist, targeted exhibitions.

While the attendances for many general computer exhibitions are dropping, the figures for targeted events are rising. A whole range of exhibitions have grown up to cater for particular market sectors such as desktop publishing, networking, software tools and a myriad other application areas.

In addition, there has been a marked increase in the number of exhibitions for specialists such as lawyers, doctors and City financiers.

The implication is clear. The user has grown up and its members have begun to define their interests within particular areas. The days of unbridled enthusiasm for everything and anything computerized are gone.

Business users no longer want to mix with computer games fanatics, and suppliers of high-end products cannot afford to exhibit alongside manufacturers of amusement arcade games.

Computers have become

the backbone of many business operations and consequently, purchasing decisions are of paramount importance and must be taken within a business setting.

Doctors and lawyers may appreciate that they could, or should be, using a computer. But which one? And where do they find the right software?

Just as "business solutions" are now being marketed, so the supporting exhibitions are growing up.



By Sue Maddix

Users are keen to see the market but are turning to specialist shows

Electronic publishing is one well-established area of interest to corporates and individuals. Computers have become a fact of life for City institutions and they are becoming more common in hospitals, doctors' surgeries and lawyers' chambers.

No longer are computers locked into large computer departments, or small bedrooms. They are used by people who treat them as everyday work tools. These people do not want to spend their time trailing around hundreds of exhibition stands looking at irrelevant and meaningless equipment.

Nor perhaps do they want to take the unequivocal advice of a consultant. These potential exhibition visitors are independent-minded and want to make their own decisions. However, the limits of their time and knowledge create their own requirements.

To service these differing requirements, exhibition organizers and exhibiting companies are moving with the industry - and those that don't will experience the embarrassment of half full shows or exhibition closures.

The question mark hangs not over exhibitions, but over the form which they should take. Like everything else in a fast-moving industry they must adapt to the increased maturity of the users or fade into insignificance.

The author is marketing director of Blenheim Online, which specializes in high-tech conferences and exhibitions.

PCs: Too many of the wrong applicants

JOBScene

By Caroline Bernan

The type of recruitment advertising that polls in the most responses in the computer world are those which involve working with personal computers. Unfortunately for the recruiters, the replies come in quantity rather than quality.

As the use of PCs becomes increasingly common among companies, so an increasing number of people is needed to fix them if they go wrong, write programs for them, help install them or link them into networks with other computers. And it seems that many of the people who have been using micro computers just for producing spreadsheets or even for word-processing have become hooked on them and want to get more involved at the technical end.

The problem is that most of the jobs that involve working on the technical side of the micro computers also require a lot more experience than just using such a computer. Many of those who use the micros get the idea that they can do a lot more with them than they actually can, so they start applying for jobs which mention PCs.

When it comes to PC jobs, there are far more applicants than the recruitment agencies expect - the problem is that most are totally unsuitable. One recruitment agent said that a security officer who

had sat at a dumb terminal as part of his job thought this qualified him for working with PCs.

Nick Reid of a firm called Specialist Recruiters International regularly advertises for programmers who can develop PC software. But, he said, the failure rate for those applying for jobs in the PC arena is 80 per cent. "People think if they've used Lotus 123," he said, "they can develop software."

Mr Reid said he was interested only in people with years of backroom experience, developing software

Like Mr Reid, she said that many of those who answered the advertisements were people who had used popular software packages as part of their jobs, and now wanted to move into a computing job, working with PCs. But it is quite difficult to place people like this. "Increasingly," she said, "there is a great demand for a high-quality computer professional with a mini-computer or mainframe background or someone who's always worked with PCs - not people who have moved across. If we send out a bunch of CVs, it is always the solid data-processing background that gets preference."

It is possible for enthusiastic users of personal computers to move into the data processing departments within their own companies, and many users get into the field this way. But Sue Prescott says that unless they can persuade their company to send them on a training course so they can learn structured methodologies they will be at a disadvantage when it comes to moving to a new job.

Ms Prescott also believes that the right personality is very important for a job in PC support. She added: "You may get an intelligent boffin but he or she would be useless in support."

Chris Fry of Lorian, a recruitment-consultant firm, said that PC jobs always get a heavy response. But many of the replies are from graduates and trainees or people straight from Manpower Service Commission courses. "I recently advertised for a junior micro computer programmer and got 68 responses but most were no use," he said. "However, we try to be kind and give advice."

People who used software packages as part of a job

for PCs - for jobs with companies such as Compaq, Microsoft and Apricot and for networking and communications companies, where they are developing systems for end users.

Sue Prescott, senior consultant at Oric, often advertises for jobs in the area of technical support of PCs. Because personal computers are now used so extensively for anything from development and office automation to accounting, spreadsheets and communications, they inevitably need a lot of support.

She explained that if just one PC job were advertised, amongst a list of other jobs, it always pulled in a great response. She was often able to fill several out of the response for the one advertised.

UK bids for highly mobile stakes

The British mobile communications industry has taken what is being billed as a major move forward in its attempt to dominate the European car and portable cellular-telephone market after the lifting of Common Market trade barriers in 1992.

Last week at CBI headquarters in London, the Under-Secretary of State at the Department of Trade and Industry, John Butcher, Minister for Industry and Consumer Affairs, launched an industry-wide scheme to stamp out "cowboy" retailers and installers of cellular technology.

The policing of the new quality assurance scheme will be run by The British Standards Institute, Lloyd's Register and Yarsley quality assurance firms. The hope is that this standard of technical service for

users, covering fitting and repair of equipment will become recognized internationally. Industry observers say this will further the ambition of network operators Cellnet and Vodaphone, equipment manufacturers and retailers to take a large slice of the proposed pan-European market either through continental joint ventures or by selling Britain's three years of technical and administrative expertise.

David Savage, head of the equipment company Astec, said: "Though the common European standard is already agreed, the rest of Europe is going to suffer the growing pains we had three years ago."

"We should become the force in Europe because we are the only country that collectively has the experience of managing and running

a cellular industry."

The stakes are high: Cellnet's figures indicate that even excluding other new forms of communications, including the hand-held cordless telephone network - CT2 - at least five million Europeans could be using digital cellular telephones by 1995 with the number doubling to 10 million by the year 2000.

In handset technology Britain is also claiming the lead in a collaborative venture between the DTI, British Telecom and Racal Research. Though not fully commercially developed, the equipment based on digital rather than the current analogue technology was successfully demonstrated last February. The group's scientists say they will soon have solved the problem of miniaturization.

High tech versus the bugs

By Pearce Wright

... that are favourable for breeding. The first system has been provided to the Moroccan locust-control centre; others have been offered to Tunisia and Algeria.

Experts from the Overseas Development Natural Resources Institute, in London, who have worked for 50 years with African countries to contain the locust menace, have helped design the new system.

Western Africa is facing a grave threat from the desert locust. The largest infestations ever recorded have occurred since the winter and spring breeding season. Unprecedented eradication campaigns will be needed to

prevent a massive invasion of north-west Africa in October. Locust plagues are the product of fortuitous meteorology in the desert and its margins. Rainfall is essential to dampen the soil for the females to lay and for the insects to hatch, rather than desiccate.

It is the same rainfall that is vital for the growth of vegetation on which the insects feed. Conditions must be right for rapid hatching, in about 10 days. Low temperatures delay the process by up to two months.

The spread of the adults to other wetted soil to breed and feed depends on the wind. The most difficult problems facing locust control services is to identify where rain has fallen within the vast areas of desert.

Temperature measurements are easy, but the winds are fickle. With the new system, infra-red images of North and West Africa transmitted every half hour from Meteosat are combined with data from a wide network of simple ground-based instruments to identify the breeding grounds.

Digital take a RISC

Digital Equipment is reported to be close to an agreement to use in its computers an advanced microprocessor chip designed by a Silicon Valley company. Use of the chip would be a rare move away from Digital's own private hardware standard.

The move by the company is viewed by industry analysts as an acknowledgment that Digital sees itself in danger of falling behind in the fast-moving field of computer design.

The chip is called a reduced instruction set computer, or RISC chip, and is based on a set of radical design principles that computer designers think can produce speeds that approach those of mainframe computers, but at desktop computer prices.

Currently, the heart of Digital's product line is a design known as VAX. That design is viewed by computer experts as radically different from RISCs. Its structure, relies on complexity while RISC emphasizes simplicity.

In recent years Digital's greatest strength has been a single VAX design from the top to the bottom of its computer line. The company has exploited this compatibility to take sales away from IBM which has been plagued with incompatibility problems.

The RISC agreement would be significant because Digital has been the only major mainframe or minicomputer maker that has not yet adopted RISC.

Hewlett-Packard, Sun Microsystems, Unisys, IBM, Data General, AT&T and others have all introduced or said they plan to sell computers that use RISC.

The company with which Digital is close to an agreement is the MIPS Computer, a Californian maker of computer work stations that grew out of research work done at Stanford University.

At the same time Digital has recently cancelled two development projects, one intended to develop a faster version of Digital's most powerful computer and one to build a RISC computer.

Digital's stock fell \$3 to \$109, last Tuesday after US trade publications reported that Digital had cancelled the two programs.

Digital officials acknowledged that they have had conversations with MIPS but would not comment on any potential agreement.

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TECHNOLOGY

There's much more to 'desktop' than words

Like any craftsman's tool, desktop publishing does not give good results in the wrong hands. Desktop publishing equipment puts many of the graphic designer's tools into lay hands, but does not give its user the skill or visual flair the designer has gleaned from his training.

DTP software makes the technical elements of design accessible to everyone, but there is more to successful document production than being able to line up text with pin-point accuracy.

It is easy for the first-time user to become carried away by the range of features his new equipment offers. Early efforts often resemble typesetter's sample sheets as typesets, column widths, font sizes and line rules litter the page with merry abandon.

The result is invariably a mess, despite its technical virtuosity. It looks amateurish, spoiling the whole rationale of making a considerable capital investment in DTP equipment instead of placing the work with outside typesetting and design facilities.

The design of a document should be the servant of the information it contains, not the master. If it attracts attention away from the text, it has failed. In the early stages of the learning process, it is wise to forgo most of the special effects and concentrate on a straightforward style.

A good starting point is to switch the computer off and spend some time gathering a number of documents aimed at the same sort of readership as yours. Look for common design features, and make a few fundamental decisions about how a document will look.

The size of the finished article is the first choice. A4 paper is the usual size for magazines, company reports, catalogues, hand-out brochures and the like, but books and newsletters tend to adopt smaller formats.

Once the page size is established it is necessary to consider the way the main text, or body copy, will appear.

Books and pamphlets almost always run lines of text straight across the page, whereas newsletters and magazines adopt a multi-column style. If you intend to incorporate pictures or diagrams, the latter style allows more flexibility.

Either way, the maximum line length should be chosen in conjunction with the size of each letter in the body copy. Columns designed to a maximum of less than about 24 characters look unsightly because of awkward word breaks.

If the text is justified, with the leftmost and rightmost letters brought out to the edges of the column, many lines will need excessive hyphenation or padding

By Simon Craven

'Desktop publishing often resembles a typesetter's sample sheet as types and line rules litter the page with merry abandon'

with spaces. Narrow columns are often better left unjustified.

If a page is to contain a large amount of text it is essential that the typeface used should be easy to read. Ornamental faces have their uses, for logos or headlines, but a more conventional style pays off in legibility. The majority of books, magazines and newspapers select their body copy typefaces from variations on no more than a dozen old favourites, many of which are almost indistinguishable from each other at a casual glance. This is purely on the grounds of legibility.

Once this basic criteria has been established, it should be followed consistently throughout the document. There is nothing more disconcerting than a page design which changes horses in mid-stream.

White space is another important element of design. The neophyte desktop publisher frequently tries to pack too much type on to each page. A block of text may be offputting to the reader in one form, whereas with wider margins along all four edges, a little more space between lines and columns, and possibly a slightly larger type size, the appearance can be made much more welcoming.

When the page is destined to be bound in some way, leave a good blank margin down the bound edge. Otherwise the binding process might make it difficult or impossible to read the letters nearest that edge of each page.

If text is justified in multiple columns it is important to leave a distinct gap between the end of one column and the beginning of its neighbour, otherwise the eye may be deceived into reading straight across the page. Line rules, between columns should be avoided except in newspaper-style design where they serve to separate one article from the next.

It is unlikely that the previously-written body copy will fit the space allocated to it without a certain amount of fiddling. Space limitations usually mean that the text has to be cut.

The disciplined editing thus imposed can improve the impact and readability of the message, as a careful re-reading can reveal redundant words or phrases which would be better eliminated.

Further detailed editing may also be needed to eliminate the piquantly-named "widows and orphans" - the first or last line of a paragraph which spills over the bottom of a column or page.

In human terms, one of the dangers of the desktop publishing process is that too much can be done by one man. If the whole document, from the initial copywriting to the design, proofreading and printing, is handled by the same individual, silly mistakes often survive right through to the finished product.

A look ahead

Work has been completed on a new optical system that should open a new era of telescope technology for astronomers, writes Pearce Wright.

Last week scientists from the eight countries that operate the European Southern Observatory, at La Silla, in Chile, approved a special mirror and its computer control system built by Carl Zeiss.

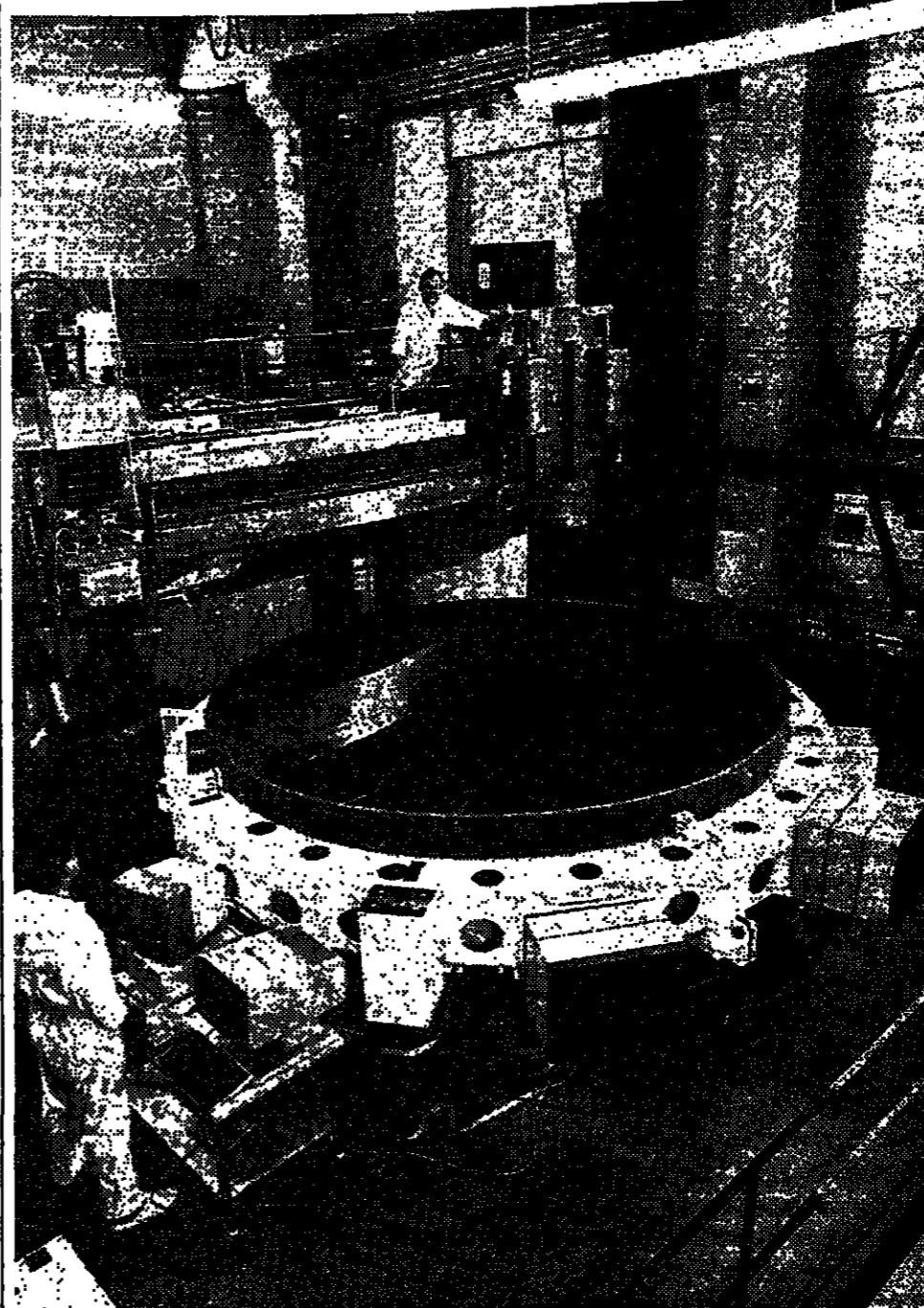
The mirror is a milestone in the development of the 3.58 metre New Technology Telescope (NTT) to be opened at La Silla at the end of the year.

The six-ton mirror is made from Zerodur, a glass ceramic which has taken two years to polish, with a surface of "scratchless" of no more than 25 nanometres. A nanometre is one-millionth of a millimetre.

When complete, the NTT will allow the European Observatory scientists to be the first to use "active optics" - control to adjust the optical system for obtaining the clearest images. In principle, the NTT should be able to observe fainter and more distant objects in the universe than any other instrument of comparable size.

Adjustments to the mirror are made by modifying the forces on 75 supports through a delicate computer control system.

The use of active optics has allowed the use of thin, lighter and more flexible glass blanks from which to polish the mirror.



Macintosh helps the rock to roll

By Geoff Wheelwright

Computers and rock music have enjoyed a close relationship over the last few years, but their liaisons have usually been limited to the recording studio.

The recent European tour of the US pop band Fleetwood Mac, however, is enjoying the benefits of a love affair between the tour manager, Leo Rossi and his personal computers.

Mr Rossi is a Los Angeles-based freelance tour manager whose clients include Chaka Kahn, Bette Midler, Huey Lewis, Al Jarreau and Fleetwood Mac - all of whose recent tours have been planned from behind the screen of an Apple Macintosh.

"A tour manager is like captain of the ship - I get a list of dates from the promoter,



The US rock band, Fleetwood Mac: Apple plans the day put together all the trucks, technical people, travel arrangements, sound and lighting specialists and see if the numbers make sense," says Mr Rossi, explaining the job which has now transferred almost entirely to the control of his computer.

"I plan everything including press interviews - it is all time-critical." Mr Rossi started using personal computers to plan his tours back in 1984. He explained: "I started using one during a Bette Midler tour and it was originally for doing manifests for equipment to take on the tours. But it

developed more into management, using spreadsheets.

"The latest thing was the Apple Hypercard - a software system for the Apple Macintosh that allows you to control the machine via an on-screen card box and that has helped a great deal.

"We put everybody on a Hypercard each, then link them all together with their travel and financial arrangements and produce schedules with a laser printer."

Mr Rossi also makes use of communications technology to make changes to the tour plans while he is on the road. "I can book hotels, flights and the whole tour from my house with the modem," he said.

When, for example tour dates are cancelled in the night, he can access a local phone line with the computer

and reroute the whole tour from his room.

The computers also play a part in actually producing the music on the tour. By making full use of his personal computer, he actually needs less electronic music equipment.

The fact that hundreds of sounds can be stored and controlled by the Macintosh computers also allows the band to cut down on the number of specialist music keyboards that have to be taken on tour.

Instead, they need only bring one or two "generic" keyboards which can be used to access the library of sounds stored on the computer.

"The computer is sometimes even used to illustrate how large, complicated sets and backgrounds are to be struck when they arrive at a concert site," he said.

Tough line on data

By Matthew May

Companies which have complaints from the public about the personal computer information they store upheld are now liable to see their misdeeds publicized.

Eric Howe, the data protection registrar, has said in future he will "feel free" to publish the names of offending data users, though the individual complainants will remain anonymous.

Up to now, Mr Howe has not named the companies concerned when publishing case histories about those who have breached the Data Protection Act, which came into force last November.

More than 800 complaints have been received over the past year - four times the previous year's total. A quarter of the complaints concern the right of access to information rather than what is actually stored.

The Data Protection Act allows individuals to have a copy of personal data held about them in computer files, though certain government and police files are excluded.

One problem with police records available is the possibility of employers exerting pressure on job applicants to use their right of access to police files so that an employer can see them.

"To use the Act to force individuals to find and reveal information about themselves is contrary to the objectives of

data protection and should be stopped," said Mr Howe.

In his fourth report to parliament published last week, Mr Howe also notes that there is concern from the public about both the amount and relevance of personal information people are being asked to provide when filling out forms, and he is worried about what use the information might be put to.

Other worries include the security of the computer systems on which personal information is held in case they are disclosed to unauthorized third parties.

There is also increasing unease among the public about the amount of personal information held about them on computer files. Mr Howe cites research that shows three-quarters of the population are "expressing concern", an increase of 12 per cent from

the previous year.

As an example, the report cites the growing practice of building banks of information on the lifestyle of individuals for marketing purposes.

"I shall be looking to see whether data users fully inform individuals as to why various items of information are required, what use will be made of the information, and to whom it will be disclosed," said Mr Howe.

Most requests by people for information access has been to their employers, to see what information is stored about them, though only a few cases have led to requests for correction or deletion.

A survey by the registrar suggest that requests by individuals to see information held about them has now run into the tens of thousands, though this take up is considered quite low.

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A Texas research group has patented a genetic "branding iron" for indelibly marking strains of laboratory animals to foil would-be mouse rustlers, flysnappers and other genetic claim-jumpers.

Dr Thomas Baldwin and his colleagues at Texas A&M University developed the system to identify organisms illegally bred from patented, genetically altered ancestors.

The potential economic importance of genetic branding was highlighted by a recent landmark patent issued to two Harvard scientists for a genetically altered mouse, the first genetically engineered organism ever patented in any country. The mouse strain is sold to laboratories.

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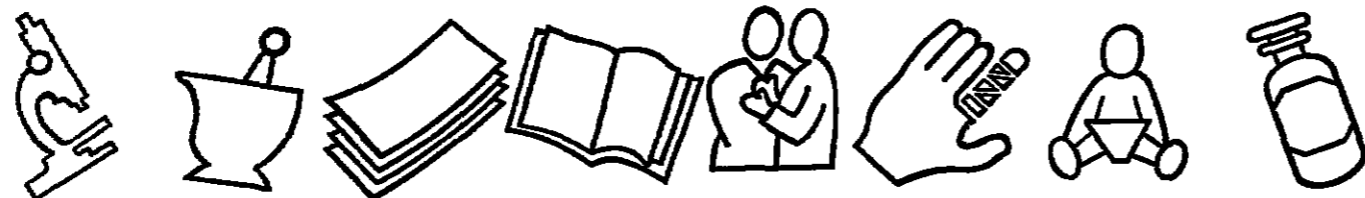
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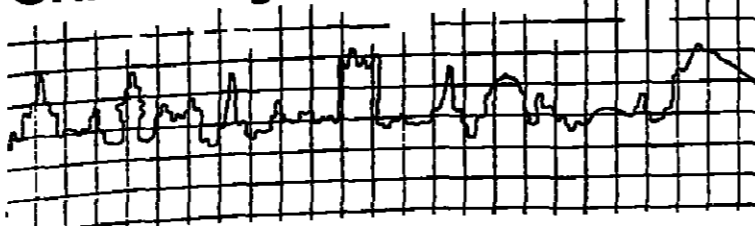
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HORIZONS

New boss of the borough

Joan Llewelyn Owens looks at the modern council's chief executive

Nearly all local authorities now appoint a chief executive to act as their managing director.

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Rodney Stone, chief executive of Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, is a solicitor, but other Kent authorities have appointed an environmental health officer, an engineer, a housing officer, a finance officer and a retired air commodore. Elsewhere there are planning officers, former civil servants and people from the private sector.

Mr Stone said: "I think it is going to become easier to come in from outside because the philosophy and outlook of local authorities are changing. Authorities are looking at their activities in a very commercial way."

The departmental responsibilities of the former clerk to the council are now usually handled by a borough, city or county secretary, leaving the office of the chief executive free-standing. "My role," said Mr Stone, "is to work with the elected members of the authority, to formulate a vision of where the council is going, and to find a set of shared values with the authority. Then one works with other senior managers, doing one's best to put this into practice. I see my office as a bridge between the council and other parts of the community."

In the two years since his appointment, he has built up a good relationship with the Chamber of Commerce. His office has had constructive and regular contact with the Royal Tunbridge Wells Civic Society, and tried to improve relationships with parish councils and the media, an important way of establishing a dialogue with the public.

"How free are you," I asked, "to do as you think fit?"

"Theoretically, I am empowered only to do what the borough council formally tells me I can do. On the other hand, it has effectively appointed me as its managing director, and I have widespread delegated powers. The reality, however, is that there are a number of key elected members with whom I work closely, such as the leader of the council. I also try to maintain amicable working relationships with the minority parties, and, through that continuing dialogue, one can form a sense of what they all want to achieve."

One change for which Mr Stone thinks

he can take credit is the introduction of a system of paying staff by performance rather than by automatic increments, and an annual cost-of-living award. This has been done without any disruption from the unions.

The council has also strengthened its commitment to training. When he took over, about six per cent of senior managers had received some management training, now everyone has.

His job is extraordinarily diverse. That day he had lunch with a leading councillor and the Audit Commission. This was to discuss setting up a seminar with elected members of the Council, at which he and others would speak to the Chamber of Commerce on the impact of the community charge and changes in the rating system of the business community. Earlier in the day he had met the rest of the management team -

paused, then said: "I see a new major role for local authorities, and Tunbridge Wells in particular, of being a catalyst for change within their own areas; of acting almost as a middle man to co-operate with the private sector, to provide the right level of service."

"The council itself will provide services only where it can be proven that it can provide them more efficiently than the private sector."

Tunbridge Wells, he added, had put a number of services out to competitive tender before it was legally required to do so. It had privatized public-convenience cleaning, and refuse collection (there had been teething troubles, but those were largely overcome).

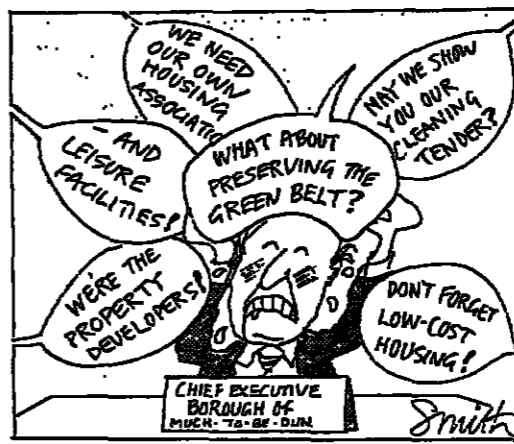
For some time, too, rather than trying to do very specialist work in-house, it put work out to the private sector. For a big property development, for instance, it tended to use consultant surveyors and London solicitors.

The borough has a comfortably low unemployment rate and, in a sense, the pressures of the borough are the pressures of success. One of the issues that arose in its discussion with the Chamber of Commerce was how it could help employers by providing more low-cost housing for the increasing work-force of a prosperous business sector and still preserve the Green Belt. The housing need is forcing a total re-examination of the role of a traditional housing authority. It is considering setting up a housing association to deal with development on a particular site, and using the private sector to help open up housing sites that it needs.

In this prosperous part of the country, the main growth area is likely to be in the provision of leisure facilities. He said: "I see the local authority role not just as a provider, but as an enabler. We are commissioning a consultant to carry out an in-depth study of leisure needs, both private and public, of the borough for the next few years. We shall explore ways in which we can work in partnership with the private sector in meeting those needs."

Mr Stone commented: "There is enormous satisfaction when you see matters on which you have been working in partnership with others becoming real."

But there must be frustrations? "Oh yes," he said. "When the reality doesn't live up to the dream, when because of factors outside one's control, because of the sheer inertia of an organization, things don't happen as quickly or effectively as one would wish."



other departmental heads - to consider how they could revise their working practices so as to be a more effective body.

He spends much of his time attending formal committee meetings of the council, though some of this he delegates. He has a very personal involvement with the main property developments taking place in the borough. These include the largest single-storey building in the South of England, to be constructed on an industrial estate; the exciting Victoria shopping project; and the revitalization of the Pantiles shopping street.

"Last week," said Mr Stone, "I had a meeting with Pantiles traders who were anxious about some aspects of the scheme, and with the developer, in order to establish better relations. I also met someone from English Heritage, to discuss their reservations with regard to one or two of our ideas."

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Havering, in common with other local authorities, is taking active steps to implement the provisions of the Local Government Act 1988 regarding compulsory competition.

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Telephone Peter Dickson, Deputy Controller on Romford 46040, extension 3006 or Mike Bird, Principal Assistant Solicitor, on extension 3400 for an informal discussion.

Closing date for applications: 5th August 1988



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Application forms and further particulars are available from the Director of Manpower Services, Surrey Heath House, Knoll Road, Camberley, Surrey GU15 3HD Tel. Camberley (0276) 22577 (Answerphone) or Camberley (0276) 688252 Ext. 414.

CLOSING DATE FOR THE RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS IS 12th AUGUST, 1988. Interviews held during first week of September.



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Tel 01-251 6091

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Further details and application forms available from the District Personnel Department, South Birmingham Health Authority, Oak Tree Lane, Selly Oak, Birmingham B29 6JF. Tel: 021 472 1345.

Informal enquiries welcomed by Mr S Dickens, District General Manager.
Closing date 8th August, 1988.

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Informal enquiries will be welcomed by the retiring Chief Executive, Alan Brown (0865 815330) or the County Personnel Officer, Roger Davis (0865 815262).

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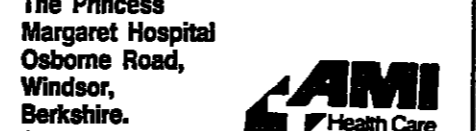
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A full profile of the Health Authority, further information about the job and an application form are available from the Chairman, Portsmouth and South East Hampshire Health Authority, District Offices, St. Mary's Hospital, Milton Road, Portsmouth, Hants PO3 6AD. Tel: Portsmouth (0705) 822331 ext 4630. The closing date for applications is 8th August 1988.

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Application forms and further details available from: Personnel Unit, North Devon District Council, Civic Centre, BARNSTAPLE. Telephone: (0271) 47089. Closing Date: 31st August 1988. Interview Date: 9th September 1988

COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATORS The Institution of Electrical Engineers Savoy Place, London WC2.

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If you wish to have an informal discussion about the post, please call Brian Adams, Chief Administrative Officer (8306-204304).

Further details and an application form can be obtained from the County Architect, County Hall, Dorchester, DT1 1JA (telephone 6306-204482). Closing date: 29 July 1988. Please quote post no. AB439X.

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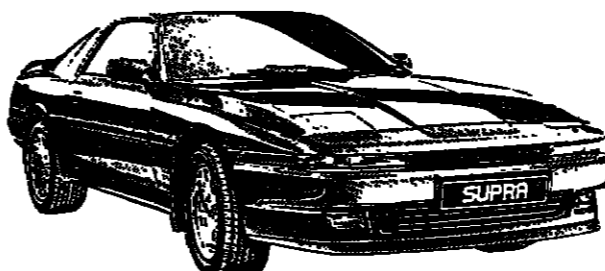
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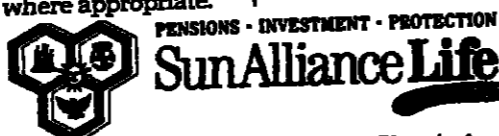
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Old-fashioned courting is best



Edward Fennell on the wooing ways of the law's ambitious 'lonely hearts' and the forthcoming European trade marriage

A few weeks ago I made a vow to myself. It was in the early hours of the morning after I'd had a heavy session writing about the mergers. I knew that like so many other legal and financial writers I was becoming addicted to the subject. If I did not stop soon, I would rapidly slide into a perpetual reverie about "Great Mergers of Our Time". Or, even worse, start inventing "Dream Mergers" between, say, Freshfields and Tottenham Hotspur or Arthur Young and the Tiller Girls.

Just when I thought I had got my little problem under control, I got hooked again while reading extracts from Chrysler boss Lee Iacocca's book, *Talking Straight*. As you probably know, *Talking Straight* is much concerned with the business of mergers and takeovers by big corporations, but quite a lot of it seems relevant to professional firms as well.

For example, Mr Iacocca commented that "because of all the bad mergers, good mergers are becoming impossible". And he also recommended that merging firms ought to "do the courting the old-fashioned way".

Well, those seem pretty good principles. These days "small" is no longer beautiful. In fact, small is considered pretty embarrassing. Hence the headlong rush into bad or irrelevant mergers — what I call mis-mergers.

But there are still people around who are taking it slowly and doing it properly. An example seems to be the recent link-up between the Birmingham law firm of Needham & James and the five-partner London outfit of Byatt Michau & Smart.

As it happens, Byatt Michau & Smart was formed only in 1984, but the partners saw themselves from the start as aiming to become a big firm. Last year, however, they realized that the only realistic way to do this was by merging, and they spread the word through a kind of merger-dating agency that they were keen to meet interested parties.

To its credit, Byatt Michau & Smart did not rush into anything. In fact, it decided that it did not fancy any of the first group of suitors. These were mostly similar-size London firms from the

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That was not what Byatt's wanted. It wanted to get into a much bigger league. Byatt's Harry Tiesman commented: "We rejected all our original candidates, but we got on well at once with the two partners from Needham & James. We had highly complementary practices."

What makes the story interesting is the Needham & James perspective. From the start it wanted a London link-up, but rejected the idea of a one-man-and-a-dog operation. As one of the big players on the Birmingham scene, it had clear ambitions to become a national partnership. Unlike its neighbour Eversheds, however, which has recently set up an association of big provincial firms, Needham & James has bitten on the bullet and gone for London, arguing that to be taken seriously a significant presence in the capital is necessary.

And projecting forward (although it denies having any specific long-term plans) it is contemplating other big provincial firms joining the network and linking into its new London hub.

So the reality of having a City office is clearly important. Though most big provincial firms these days report their success at winning back clients from the big London firms, it may be that the wheel of fortune is again about to turn.

The prospect of the 1992 European Single Market is gaining a grip on lawyers' imaginations. The chances are that clients too will be looking for a more overtly international service. Likewise, potential clients on the Continent will look first to London for legal advice.

The prospects are therefore that the pendulum could swing back to London again in the 1990s, leaving the purely provincial firms isolated.

"I think it is essential for a firm like ours to have a London office," said Andrew Lefever of Pinsent's, another of these go-getting Birmingham firms. Consequently, last autumn, Pinsent's did indeed open a one-man-and-a-dog office in Bishopsgate, deciding that it wanted to

build up a London practice for itself. Within the space of a few months, that office has expanded to become a two-men-and-a-fax operation. And what Mr Lefever has discovered, most gratifyingly, is that European work has already come to the firm which it would not have got without its London office.

Like Needham & James, it is now intent on building up London so that by 1992 it will be ready to take up the challenge of European harmonization. By remaining in Birmingham it would never get a shot at that kind of action.

So the message for all you potential mergerists is "Think International". Ask yourselves how your potential merger will work in that context. And if you want help in answering that question, consider having a chat with Eduardo Romero, managing partner of Bomchil Castro Goodrich Claro Arosemena Rodrigo Romero & Associates.

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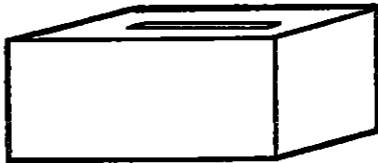
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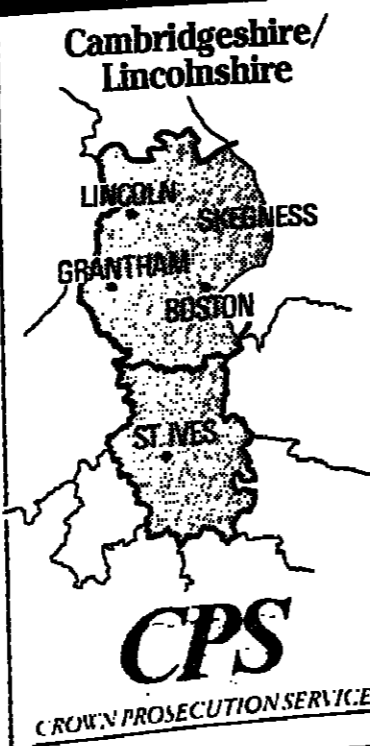
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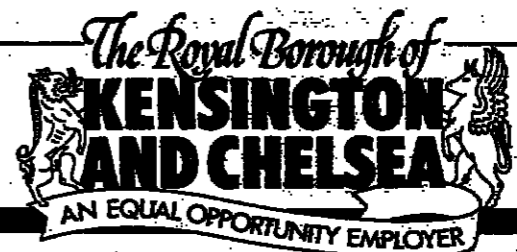
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Contractor not liable for bad sub-contract work

D. & F. Estates Ltd and Others v Church Commissioners for England and Others

Before Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Templeman, Lord Ackner, Lord Oliver of Aylmerton and Lord Jauncey of Tullicettle (Speeches July 14)

Where plaster had been incorrectly applied to the walls and ceilings of a flat by sub-contract plasterers so that it became loose and liable to fall, the main contractors were not liable to the lessees and occupiers of the flat in negligence for the loss incurred by them in removing the plaster-work.

The House of Lords dismissed an appeal by the plaintiffs, D. & F. Estates Ltd, Mr Melvin Richard Tillman and Mrs Malka Tillman, from the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Fox, Lord Justice Gidwell and Sir Roualeyn Cumming-Bruce) (The Times February 14, 1987) who had allowed an appeal by the third defendants, *Wates Ltd*, from Judge Esyr Lewis, QC, official referee.

Mr Richard Fernyhough, QC and Mr Robert Glancy for the plaintiffs, Mr Donald Keating, QC and Mr Richard Seymour for *Wates*.

LORD BRIDGE said that *Wates* had been the main contractor for a block of flats, *Cheewood House*, Gloucester Square, Paddington, London, completed in October 1965. On October 15, the owners, the Church Commissioners, had granted a lease of flat 37 to D. & F. Estates, D. & F. was controlled by Mr and Mrs Tillman, who had occupied the flat.

In August 1980, while they had been on holiday and the flat was being redecorated, the decorators had discovered that the plaster on certain ceilings and one wall was loose; some of it had fallen down. All the loose plaster had been backed off and replastered and redecorated at a cost of £10,576.

The present action had been commenced in December 1980 with claims by D. & F. in respect of that damage and by Mr and Mrs Tillman in respect of disturbance while the repairs were done.

Subsequently, further defective plaster had been discovered, and at trial the damages claimed by D. & F. had included the estimated cost of further remedial work and prospective loss of rent while it was carried out.

The plaster-work at *Cheewood House* had been carried out by a firm of sub-contractors (not defendants to the action) employed by *Wates*. The judge had found that the plaster had been defective because the sub-contractors had failed to follow the manufacturers' instructions. They had not exercised due care.

He had held that *Wates* could not be held liable to the plaintiffs merely because the sub-contractors had not done their work properly, but he had found that *Wates* ought to have known that the sub-contractors were

not following the manufacturers' instructions and concluded that they had been in breach of their duty to provide adequate and proper supervision of the plastering work and were liable in negligence to the plaintiffs for that breach.

He had awarded D. & F. £10,676 for the cost of the remedial work and £24,000 for loss of rent while those works were carried out. He had awarded Mr and Mrs Tillman £500 each for loss of amenity in 1980.

The Court of Appeal had reversed the judge primarily on the ground that *Wates*, having employed competent sub-contractors to carry out the plastering work, had owed no further duty of care to the plaintiffs in relation to its execution.

The Court of Appeal had also considered a submission by *Wates* that the cost of repairing the defective plaster, even if the plaster-work had been done by their own employees, was not damage that D. & F. could recover in tort since it represented pure economic loss.

His Lordship referred to *Donoghue v Stevenson* (1932) AC 562, *Dutton v Egmont Regis Urban District Council* (1972) 1 QB 373, *Bowen v Paramount Builders (Hamilton) Ltd* (1977) 1 NZLR 394, *Annis v Merton London Borough Council* (1978) AC 728, *Barty v Metropolitan Property Realizations Ltd* (1978) QB 554, *Junior Books Ltd v Veitchi Co Ltd* (1983) 1 AC 520, *East River Steamship Corporation v Transamerica Delaval Inc* (1986) 106 SC 2295 and *Rivtow Marine Ltd v Washington Iron Works* (1973) 6 WWR 692.

The authorities, it seemed to him, spoke with such an unbroken voice on the question whether the cost of making good the defective plaster in the instant case was irrecoverable that, no matter how searching the analysis to which they were subjected, they yielded no clear and conclusive answer.

It was more profitable to examine the issue in the light of first principles.

If a hidden defect in a chattel was the cause of personal injury or damage to property other than the chattel itself, the manufacturer was liable under the *Donoghue v Stevenson* principle of duty of care to one's neighbour.

If, however, the hidden defect was discovered before any such damage was caused, there was no longer any room for the application of that principle.

The chattel was now defective in quality, but it was no longer dangerous. It might be valueless or capable of economic repair.

In either case, the economic loss was recoverable in contract by a buyer or hirer entitled to the benefit of a relevant warranty of quality but was not recoverable in tort by a remote buyer or hirer.

If the same principle applied in the field of real property to the liability of the builder of a permanent structure that was dangerously defective, that liability could only arise if the defect remained hidden until the defective structure caused personal injury or damage to property other than the structure itself.

If the defect was discovered before any damage had been done, the loss sustained by the owner of the structure, who had to repair or demolish it to avoid a potential source of danger to third parties, would seem to be purely economic.

In the instant case, the only hidden defect had been in the plaster. The only item pleaded by the plaintiffs as damage to other property had been "cost of cleaning carpets and other possessions damaged or dirtied by falling plaster, £50".

Once it had appeared that the plaster was loose, any danger of personal injury or of further injury to other property could have been simply avoided by its timely removal.

The cost of replacing it, either in 1980 or subsequently, had not been an item for which *Wates* could possibly be made liable in negligence under the principle in *Donoghue v Stevenson* or any legitimate development of that principle.

To make them so liable would be to impose on them for the benefit of those with whom they had had no contractual relationship the obligation of one who warranted the quality of the plaster as regarded materials, workmanship and fitness for purpose.

His Lordship was glad to conclude that that was not the law, for an opposite conclusion would mean that the courts, in developing the common law, had gone much further than the legislature had been prepared to go in the Defective Premises Act 1972, after comprehensive examination of the subject by the Law Commission (Report No 40, *Civil Liability of Vendors and Lessors of Defective Premises* December 15, 1970).

In making builders liable for defects in the quality of their work to all who subsequently acquired interests in buildings that they had erected.

The statutory duty imposed by the 1972 Act, which did not, of course, operate retrospectively, was confined to dwelling-houses and limited to defects appearing within six years. The common law duty, if it existed, could not be so confined. Consumer protection was an area of law where legislation was much better left to the legislators.

Turning to the main ground relied on by the Court of Appeal, it was true law that the employer of an independent contractor was, in general, not liable for the negligence or other torts committed by the contractor in the course of the execution of the work.

There were certain well-established exceptions or apparent

exceptions to that general rule, but the instant case could not be accommodated within any of the recognized and established categories by which the exceptions were classified.

If *Wates* were to be held liable for the negligent workmanship of their sub-contractors (assumed for that purpose to have resulted in dangerously defective work), it had first to be shown that in the circumstances they had assumed a personal duty to all the world to ensure that *Cheewood House* should be free of dangerous effects.

That had been the judge's assumption in saying that the duty of care was not delegable.

The plaintiffs had submitted that that non-delegable duty was a duty undertaken by any main contractor in the building industry who contracted to erect an entire building.

His Lordship could not agree because he could not recognize any legal principle to which such an assumption of duty could be related.

Just as one might employ a building contractor to build one's house, so might the contractor, subject to the terms of his contract, in turn employ another to undertake part of the work.

If the mere fact of employing a contractor to undertake building work automatically involved the assumption by the employer of a duty of care to any person who might be injured by a dangerous defect in the work caused by the contractor's negligence, that would lead to absurd results.

If the fact of employing a contractor did not involve the assumption of any such duty by the employer, then one who had himself contracted to erect a building assumed no such liability when he employed an appropriate independent sub-contractor to carry out part of the work for him.

The main contractor might, in the interests of the proper discharge of his own contractual obligations, exercise a greater or lesser degree of supervision over the sub-contractor's work.

If in the course thereof he in fact came to know that the sub-contractor's work was being done in a defective and foreseeably dangerous way, and if he condoned that negligence on the sub-contractor's part, he would no doubt make himself potentially liable for the consequences as a joint tortfeasor.

The judge had, however, made no finding against *Wates* of actual knowledge, and his finding that they "ought to have known" what the manufacturers' instructions were had depended on and been vitiated by his earlier misdirection that *Wates* had owed a duty of care to future lessees of flats in relation to their sub-contractor's work.

In *Mount Albert Borough Council v Johnson* ([1979] 2 NZLR 234) the New Zealand Court of Appeal had held that it was the duty of a development

company to see that proper care and skill were exercised in the building of the houses and that that duty could not be avoided by delegation to an independent contractor.

As a matter of social policy that conclusion might be entirely admirable. Indeed, it corresponded almost precisely to the policy underlying the Law Commission's recommendations in paragraph 26 of their report, which had been implemented by section 1(1) and (2) of the 1972 Act.

As a matter of legal principle, however, his Lordship could discover no basis on which it was open to the court to embody that principle in the law without the assistance of the legislature, and it was again, in his opinion, a dangerous course for the common law to embark on the adoption of novel policies that it saw as instruments of social justice but to which, unlike the legislature, it was unable to set carefully defined limitations.

His Lordship concluded that *Wates* had been under no liability to the plaintiffs for damage attributable to their sub-contractors' negligence; in any event, such damage could not have included the cost of renewing the plaster.

LORD OLIVER, agreeing, said that the underlying logical basis for and the boundaries of the doctrine emerging from *Annis v Merton London Borough Council* were not entirely clear to him. It was unnecessary for the purposes of the instant appeal to attempt a definitive exposition.

It at least seemed clear that, in so far as the case was authority for the proposition that a builder responsible for the construction of a building was liable in tort at common law for damage occurring through his negligence to the very thing that he had constructed, such liability was limited directly to cases where the defect threatened the health or safety of occupants or of third parties and (possibly) other property.

In such a case, however, the damages recoverable were limited to expenses necessarily incurred in averting that danger. *Annis* could not properly be adapted to support the recovery of damages for pure economic loss going beyond that, and such loss was not in principle recoverable in tort unless the case could be brought within the principle of reliance established by *Hedley Byrne & Co Ltd v Heller & Partners Ltd* ([1964] AC 465).

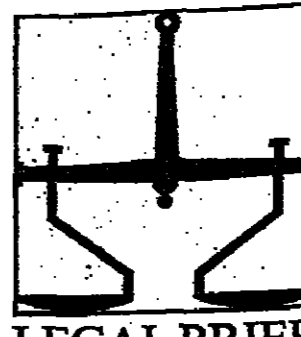
In the instant case, the defective plaster had caused no damage to the remainder of the building, and in so far as it had presented a risk of damage to other property or to any occupant that had been remediable simply by removing it.

LORD TEMPLEMAN, Lord Ackner and Lord Jauncey agreed with Lord Bridge and Lord Oliver.

Solicitors: Mishcon de Reya; Masons.

Danger: sentencing free-for-all ahead

The "unduly lenient" sentence is a matter for legitimate public concern. To allay disquiet over well-publicized sentences generally regarded as soft, the Government is introducing new legislation. There will be provision in the forthcoming Criminal Justice Act for the Attorney-General to refer Crown Court sentences to the Court of Appeal who may, if appropriate, increase the sentence.



LEGAL BRIEF

Richard Gordon is concerned by new moves to allow appeal against 'soft' sentences

At first sight this "sance for the goose" approach appears attractive. It is doubtful, however, whether the intended regime has been thought through with sufficient clarity.

Shades of the current legislation were contained in the bill which became the Prosecution of Offences Act 1985. At that stage it was sought merely to allow an Attorney-General's reference, with the Court of Appeal being invited to lay down general sentencing guidelines for the benefit of inferior courts.

This proposal was defeated in committee in the House of Lords and was not reinstated. In the words of a subsequent White Paper, it was felt that it could "affect the relationship between the Attorney-General, the prosecution and the judiciary in a way which would not contribute to public confidence or serve the interests of justice".

When considering the content of the new Act the Government raised several possible options for inclusion. First, it simply revived the original proposal. Alternatively it suggested what is now clause 35 of the present Bill. Finally, it introduced the idea of giving statutory form to the function of publishing the Court of Appeal's sentencing guidelines.

The legislation now contemplated goes one stage further than the proposals defeated in 1985. Ingeniously turning the tables on its critics, the Government has contended that merely having a reference but leaving the Court of Appeal without power to increase a particular sentence does not go nearly far enough.

This, of course, ignores the reasoning that led to the jettisoning of the initial plans for reform. In fairness to the Government it did favour expanding the role of the Judicial Studies Board, but

this type of extended statutory remit met with a degree of judicial and academic disfavour.

Whether, in the end, clause 35 will please anyone remains to be seen. It is confined to proceedings in the Crown Court and, currently, only covers offences triable on indictment, though this category may be extended by the Home Secretary.

The envisaged procedure is that the Attorney-General will have 28 days from sentence to give notice of his application to seek leave to refer. He may seek leave if it appears to him that the sentencing has been unduly lenient. On a reference the Court of Appeal may quash the original sentence and substitute another as they think appropriate, provided that the Crown Court had power to pass it.

There are three areas of potential concern. The clearest danger is that liaison between the prosecution (armed with all the detail of an individual case) and the Attorney-General will prove difficult to achieve systematically within the short time allowed. In practice matters will have to be brought to the Attorney's attention well before the stipulated 28 days so that a considered decision may be taken on whether to seek leave to refer.

This practical difficulty is aggravated by the ambiguous scope of "unduly lenient" sentencing. The filter of the Attorney-General suggests

that only extreme cases are anticipated. However this is unclear, and clause 35 contains the seeds of an arguably wider jurisdiction. Different prosecuting authorities may select widely disparate criteria for evaluating undue leniency, with consequent detriment to the process of effective liaison and even-handed references.

There is, finally, the possibility of disagreement between prosecution and Attorney-General over which cases to refer. Since there is likely to be greater impetus for referrals from the Crown Prosecution Service (being more directly involved), there is a strong argument for allowing the prosecution direct access to the courts with a judicial rather than executive filter to weed out unsuitable applications.

As a procedural model the judicial review machinery for mounting legal challenges to excess of power by public bodies meets the above objectives: there is a reasonably generous time limit (usually three months), liberal rules governing the category of applicants, that may invoke the remedy, and a preliminary requirement of leave obtainable from a single High Court judge on a "paper" application.

Moreover, the bases upon which review may be sought are tolerably precise. In the sentencing context judicial review is already available (though not in matters relating to trial on indictment) where a sentence so exceeds a court's ambit of discretion as to constitute an error of law.

The Government could profitably have incorporated the above features into a statutory review procedure, enabling the prosecution in certain very limited situations (and with adequate time for consideration) to seek leave to have a particular sentence reviewed by the Court of Appeal.

By failing to restrict undue leniency to a necessary error of law, and by opting for a form of referral procedure, there is now a real danger of an uncoordinated free-for-all as the ground rules of the new system are sought to be established. The result, initially at least, could be bedlam.

Richard Gordon is a barrister and author of *Judicial Review: Law and Procedure* (Sweet and Maxwell).

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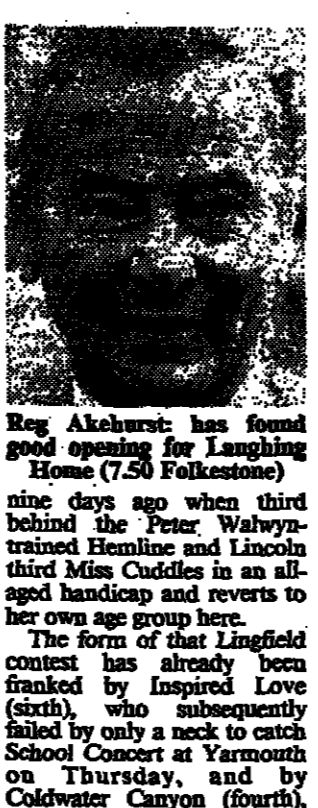
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RACING: TRAINER'S SON BACK ON DERBY RUNNER-UP FOR SATURDAY'S KING GEORGE VI AND QUEEN ELIZABETH DIAMOND STAKES

Belmoredean to boost Mtoto camp

By Mandarin
A glance at the runners for tonight's Barbecue Maiden Stakes at Folkestone, worth only £959 to the winner, will show just how hard it is to find this ultra-competitive age for the small trainer to win a race of any description.

partnership of Alec Stewart and Michael Roberts.
By Be My Guest out of the Busted mare Hanna Alta, Belmoredean has improved with each of his three races, finishing tenth to Doyoun at Newmarket as a juvenile before running third to Valadate at Beverley in the spring and second to High Altar at Doncaster last month.



who chased home Aradu in a 14-runner handicap at Lingfield on Saturday.
Inspired Love, three lengths behind, my selection at Lingfield, re-opposes here on 4lb worse terms and looks safely held.

finish fourth behind Masarrah on her reappearance at Lingfield nine days ago before tramping on Ray Cochrane while Mule Train divided subsequent good winners Paddy Chalk and Lucky Crystal at Epsom on Oaks day.

Challenge series draws big entry

By John Dorman
The Sport of Kings Challenge, officially launched at Cheltenham yesterday, has attracted an entry of 122.

Hills regains ride on Glacial Storm

By Michael Seely, Racing Correspondent
Barry Hills announced in Kenilworth, Kentucky, yesterday that his son Michael would be back on board Glacial Storm in Saturday's keenly-anticipated King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot.

AYR Selections
By Mandarin
2.30 Welsh Stair.
3.30 Jalmusque.
4.00 Strong Language.
4.30 Glencroft.
5.00 My Pal Popeye.

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Ascot going good to soft
Ascot's clerk of the course, Nicholas Beaumont, yesterday reported drying ground at the Berkshire course.

Guide to our in-line racecard
103 (12) 0-0422 GOOD TIMES 74 (20.00) P.A. (8) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hill 9-10-0-0 West (4) 88

Going: good to soft Draw: 5f-6f, high numbers best
2.30 ESF ALLOWAY MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,881: 5f) (5 runners)

FORM CHORAL SUNDOWN (6-2) 2nd to Pilsen (8-2) at Weymouth (21.00), 22.00, good, July 23, 24, 25.

3.0 BUTE SELLING HANDICAP (22Y-O: 6f) (8 runners)

FORM RATE ORACLE (6-2) 3rd to Next Steps (7-13) at Clonfert (21.00), 22.00, good, July 13, 12, 11.

3.30 STRATHCLYDE STAKES (2-Y-O: 24.00): 6f) (5 runners)

FORM TIME TO GO HOME (6-1) 8f winner from Bolton Zola (6-12) at Pontefract (6.12), 6.24, 6.36, 6.48, 6.60, 6.72, 6.84, 6.96, 7.08, 7.20, 7.32, 7.44, 7.56, 8.08, 8.20, 8.32, 8.44, 8.56, 9.08, 9.20, 9.32, 9.44, 9.56, 10.08, 10.20, 10.32, 10.44, 10.56, 11.08, 11.20, 11.32, 11.44, 11.56, 12.08, 12.20, 12.32, 12.44, 12.56, 13.08, 13.20, 13.32, 13.44, 13.56, 14.08, 14.20, 14.32, 14.44, 14.56, 15.08, 15.20, 15.32, 15.44, 15.56, 16.08, 16.20, 16.32, 16.44, 16.56, 17.08, 17.20, 17.32, 17.44, 17.56, 18.08, 18.20, 18.32, 18.44, 18.56, 19.08, 19.20, 19.32, 19.44, 19.56, 20.08, 20.20, 20.32, 20.44, 20.56, 21.08, 21.20, 21.32, 21.44, 21.56, 22.08, 22.20, 22.32, 22.44, 22.56, 23.08, 23.20, 23.32, 23.44, 23.56, 24.08, 24.20, 24.32, 24.44, 24.56, 25.08, 25.20, 25.32, 25.44, 25.56, 26.08, 26.20, 26.32, 26.44, 26.56, 27.08, 27.20, 27.32, 27.44, 27.56, 28.08, 28.20, 28.32, 28.44, 28.56, 29.08, 29.20, 29.32, 29.44, 29.56, 30.08, 30.20, 30.32, 30.44, 30.56, 31.08, 31.20, 31.32, 31.44, 31.56, 32.08, 32.20, 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CYCLING: SPAIN AGAIN SCORCHES AHEAD AS THE TAR MELTS ON A TOUR IN WHICH ONLY THE FITTEST SURVIVE

Punctured dreams strew the stage

From John Wilcockson Luz-Ardiden Spanish cycling has rarely enjoyed as successful a day in the Tour de France as yesterday. Pedro Delgado again tightened his grip on the yellow jersey, extending his lead to four minutes over Steven Rooks, of The Netherlands. And Delgado's young compatriot, Landelino Cubino, won the brutal six-hour mountain stage from St Girons to this 6,000ft ski resort in the High Pyrenees.



Rotted rain: Delgado, the reigning yellow jersey from Spain, is cooled off by a spectator while riding with Rooks (left), Themisse and Herrera

than double this amount. Hampsten sat for many long minutes after the finish, starting into the bubbling mountain stream, alone with his thoughts and with tears in his eyes.

Another rider with his dreams in tatters was Robert Millar. The stage had begun well for him when he joined a breakaway group of three on the steep slopes of the day's second climb, the Col de Mente-Mouris, where he scored maximum points to consolidate his second place in the King of the Mountains competition.

Miller continued his effort with the French champion, Eric Carion, and Samuel Cabrera, of Colombia. They gained more than two minutes before the first feeding station at Luchon, after 47 miles, but a steady chase by the PDM team of the King of the Mountains leader, Rooks, closed the gap just before the top of the third climb, the Col de Peyresourde.

It was on the long, rapid descent of the Peyresourde that Cubino, aged 25, began the effort that earned him a well-deserved stage victory 60 miles later.

Other placings included: 33. M. Eddy (GB), 17:12 behind; 48. R. Millar (GB), 21:47; 49. S. Rooks (GB), same time; 54. S. Kelly (Ire), 24:04; 105. M. Eddy (GB), 31:06.

FOOTBALL Test of supporters at Wembley club tournament

English football will take a first tentative step on the road to European rehabilitation when Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur meet at Wembley on Sunday. They will be followed by Bayern Munich and AC Milan and, on the Sunday, the winners of the first match will play the losers of the second and vice versa.

Everton complete McDonald signing

Colin Harvey, the Everton manager, confirmed yesterday that he had completed the signing of Neil McDonald. Newcastle United's under-21 international right back, McDonald, who has been signed as a replacement for Gary Stevens, the England international who has joined Glasgow Rangers for a £1 million fee, Harvey for talks last week and agreed on a move to Goodison Park.

HOCKEY Tour party detained in mix-up

The England junior hockey team, winners of the European championship silver medal at Santander on Sunday, was taken off an Iberia aircraft at Bilbao yesterday because of a mix-up over hotel charges originally handled by a travel agency.

Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, finds time to catch up with some reading

A late harvest bears fine fruit Britain's national teams, and as a television commentator. During his service with the Royal Air Force he was also a rehabilitation officer whose task was to get wounded aircrew on the move again, physically and mentally.

Warwick sails to early lead

The title-holder, Eddie Lead Warwick, holds the points lead after two races, with a third and a second in the Creighton J/24 European Championship being run in the Solent by Cowes Corinthian Yacht Club.

YACHTING

RESULTS: Race one: Video Explorer (N. Belloni), 10; Portoveni (V. Scuderi), 11; M. Eddy (GB), 12; P. Parry (GB), 13; P. Parry (GB), 14; M. Eddy (GB), 15; M. Eddy (GB), 16; M. Eddy (GB), 17; M. Eddy (GB), 18; M. Eddy (GB), 19; M. Eddy (GB), 20.

SHOOTING Old soldiers save the day

A group of old soldiers, with 80 years' service in the Royal Army Ordnance Corp between them, had to come to the rescue at Bisley yesterday before officials could work out the results which gave The Times Challenge Cup to Warrant Officer Tom Sands, from the Royal Marines Commando training centre, Lympstone.

SHOOTING

Bank Rifle Club, and A W Dawson, of the Old Haberdashers. The leader board is updated each morning as the competitions progress.

GOLF McCallister hangs on to taste tour victory

Coal Valley (Reister) - Blaine McCallister, of the United States, shot a 68 for a 72-hole aggregate of 261, 19 under par, to win the Illinois Classic tournament and his first PGA Tour victory on Sunday.

GOLF

On the par four 15th and 16th, McCallister's birdie and Forsman scored birdies. "Winning is what it's all about," McCallister said. "It's a heck of a feeling that I just can't describe."

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

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SPEEDWAY

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BOXING

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TENNIS

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Gardner enters

Wayne Gardner, the defending world 500cc motorcycle champion, leads the entries for the Shell Oil British Grand Prix at Donington Park on August 7.

THE OPEN

Including the champion's own story from Royal Lytham and St Annes, Tony Jacklin's Open Diary, the Peter Allis View from the Tones, plus the most comprehensive list of statistics.

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Ballesteros reaches new heights

By Mitchell Platts Golf Correspondent

Severiano Ballesteros yesterday won the 117th Open at Royal Lytham and St Annes with arguably the finest last round in the history of the championship.

Even the Spaniard, clutching the silver claret jug for the third time in his career, said: "You can only hope for a round like that once every 25, maybe 50 years. So far it is the best round of my life. I played as good as you can hope to play this game."

He had compiled a 65, which, from the moment he set off through to the chip from the edge of the 18th green which kissed the hole, produced great theatre for the thousands who stayed to see this championship run the full distance over an extra day.

In statistical terms Ballesteros's round equaled the lowest score in an Open at Lytham and matched the 65 which Tom Watson recorded to overcome Jack Nicklaus at Turnberry in 1977.

More importantly, Ballesteros was compelled to collect six birdies and one eagle - completing six holes from the sixth in six under par - to move past the resilient Nick Price of Zimbabwe.

That alone highlights the heights to which Ballesteros lifted his game as he came from two strokes behind at the start to win the fifth major championship of his career with a final aggregate of 273, which is 11 under par.

For Price, who in 1982 at Royal Troon presented the Open to Watson by dropping four shots over the last six holes, refused this time to allow the occasion to interfere with his game plan.

Ballesteros said: "Nick really played like a champion: it is a pity there can only be one winner. He played fantastic. I was just a little luckier."

In some circumstances that could be interpreted as the kind of patronising praise that a champion can afford to shower on the man whom he has beaten. Yet millions of armchair spectators will know differently.

Price said: "This was a new Seve out there today. He came out of his shell. He was a gentleman and he had a lot of fun from the very start. There's nothing better than to be able to play the standard of



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BEST OF THE DAY S BALLESTEROS (65) Out: 3-4-4 4-3-4 3-3-3= 31 In: 3-4-4 3-5-4 3-4-4= 34

golf which we did. Seve simply played better than I did."

For Ballesteros, whose winning aggregate set a new record for Lytham as well as improving by 10 shots his score in 1979, when he won his first Open, victory ended the most unproductive chapter in his life.

"I have been very worried ever since I hit my second shot into the water at the 15th in 1986 to lose the Masters at Augusta," he said. "Now, at last, I can forget that moment. It can go to the back of my mind."

Ballesteros matched the birdie which Price made at the sixth but he achieved much more by holing from 10 feet for an eagle at the seventh. There Price had struck his approach to within four feet and he was surely thinking of stretching his lead to two shots again.

Instead he moved onto the next with only the one shot in hand and that disappeared when Ballesteros holed from 18 feet. Ballesteros, out in 31 to Price's 33, was outside his opponent once again on the 10th green. Even so, he holed from 18 feet and Price did well to follow him in from 10 feet.

Ballesteros went ahead for the first time when he holed from 22 feet at the next. The putter, possibly the most unpredictable club in Ballesteros's bag now that his driving is so consistent, was behaving itself.

Afterwards he would reveal: "My putter, my three wood, my driver, my sand wedge and my clothes are all the same as they were when I first won here - I'm just nine years older."

Ballesteros, whose super-

stition is reflected by the blue sweater which he has always worn on the last round of an Open since 1979, had also returned to using a professional caddy, Ian Wright, instead of one of his brothers.

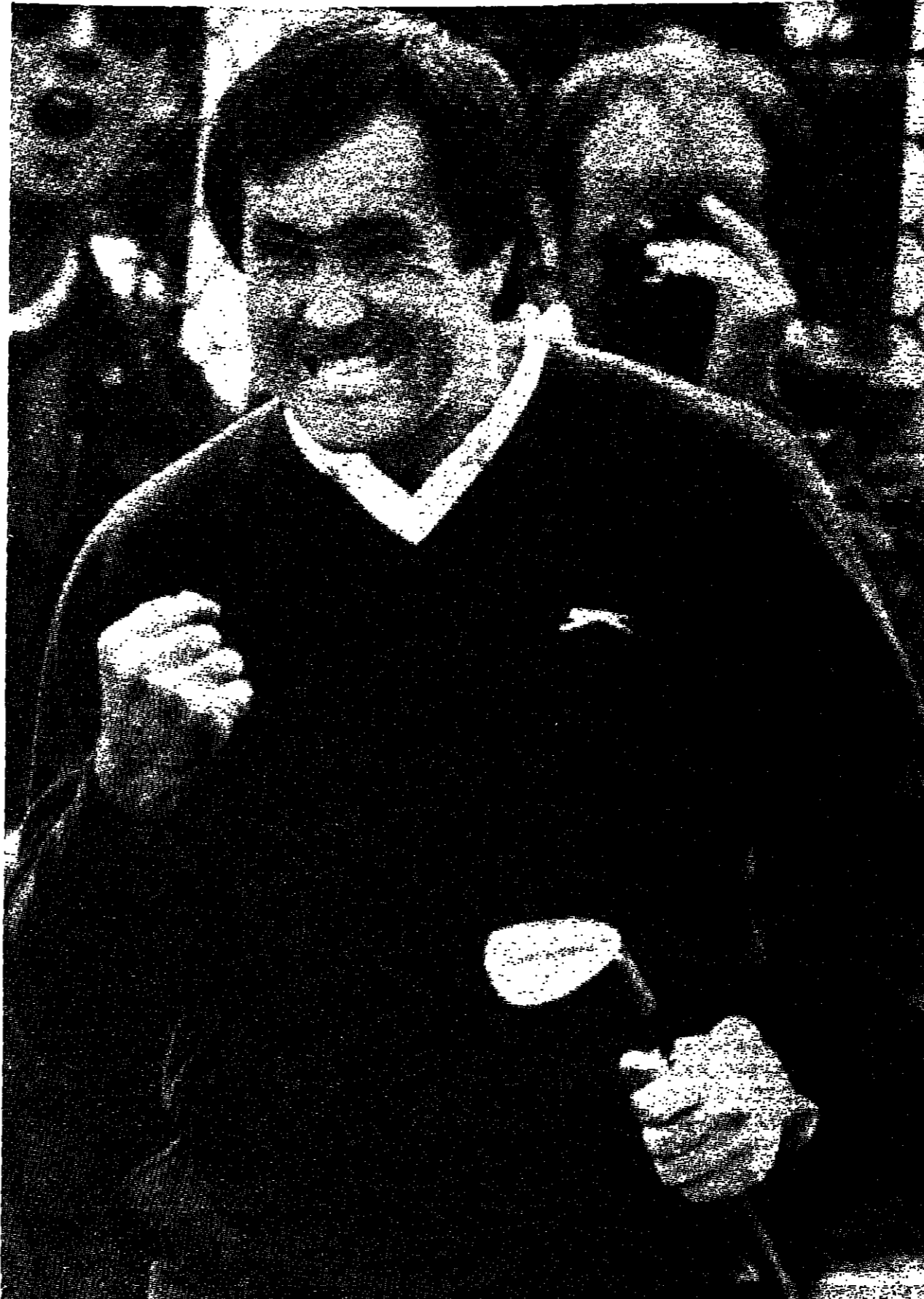
The 13th and the 16th holes were to decide the issue. Price almost holed his second shot to the 13th, having to tap the ball in from a couple of inches, but Ballesteros matched that birdie by holing from 12 feet. At the 16th it was Ballesteros's turn to apply the pressure. There, in 1979, he had, of course, hit his drive into the "car park". This time he was more conservative, staying on the straight and narrow as he had for most of the way, and his nine iron shot of 135 yards deposited the ball two inches from the hole.

Price could not follow suit and he stood on the last tee one shot behind. He had only one realistic chance and that was for Ballesteros to drive into a bunker, but it was not to be.

By then, the title which Faldo won 12 months ago had slipped from his grasp. Even so, he played well throughout to finish a creditable third following a 71, leaving him six shots behind, but Lyle faded towards the end to take 74 for a share of seventh place.

So Ballesteros was left to bring the crowd in the grandstand to their feet as he almost holed his chip at the last and to reflect on what this Open will mean.

Yet he also had an answer for that. "I am the same player, the same person as I was last week and I will be next week," he said. "It doesn't make the game any easier. It was my turn this time."



The killer stroke: Ballesteros signals the devastating chip at the 18th which virtually assured him of his third Open

Crowds at Lytham set records

All attendance records were broken in the Open Championship which ended at Royal Lytham and St Annes yesterday. The extra day crowd of 15,080, after Saturday's wash-out, took the total attendance to 205,857 - beating the previous best at St Andrews in 1984 by more than 12,000.

On two days, Friday and Sunday, the attendance was more than 40,000, a figure never achieved before at an Open. The Friday figure of 43,111 is the biggest in Championship history.

Paul Broadhurst will come back to reality today after playing with Jack Nicklaus yesterday. The Warwickshire player, aged 22, is needed by a scratch league match against Nuneaton. Broadhurst, the only amateur to survive the halfway cut in the Open, found himself paired with Nicklaus and Paul Azinger, last year's runner-up. Nicklaus had a 68 to finish four over, Azinger a 74, two better than Broadhurst, who admitted: "I was nervous on the first tee, especially when I was handed Nicklaus's card to mark."

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Spaniard ends sporting drama in heroic style

By John Hennessy

After a quiet start it was like Tyson versus Bruno without the blood. Stratford-on-Avon in mime: pure, riveting, sporting drama. And Ballesteros came into his kingdom with a second successive victory at Lytham. As with the Augusta National, he must want to dig it all up and take it back to Pedreña.

This was a Homeric tour de force, a championship won in the manner of a hero with the lowest round of the week, a 65, six under par. Since Price, a Zimbabwean, stuck bravely to his man, it recalled the titanic struggle between Watson and Nicklaus at Turnberry in 1977.

There were two strokes between them in the end, 273 to 275, but only because Price had no option at the last but to go boldly for a long putt. He sent it racing five feet past and missed the return, not that it mattered.

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par figures: Faldo was also on par for the day having answered three putts on the second with a birdie putt from five yards or so at the next; and Price was one over for the day after missing from five feet at the second.

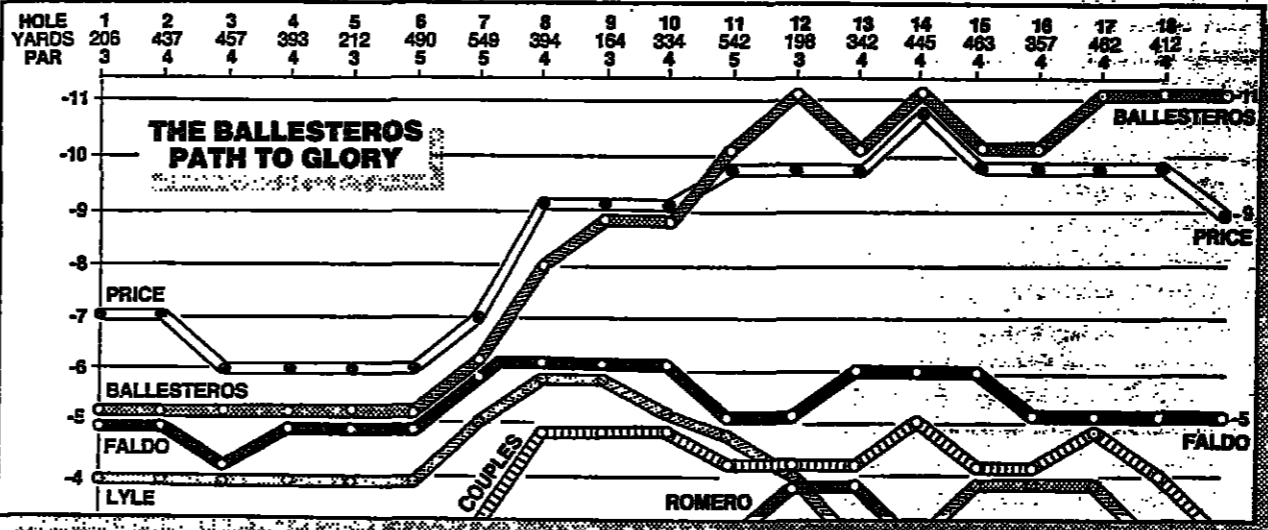
This was sombre stuff, bearing in mind that birdies were falling like Saturday raindrops elsewhere. Crenshaw, for instance, had opened with three birdies in a row.

Suddenly, Ballesteros sprang into electrifying action and the place came alive. In a spell of six successive holes he was six under par, exactly the margin by which he was to beat par for the round.

He went birdie, eagle, birdie from the sixth but such was the sturdy character of Price that he conceded only one shot when he was unable to match the Spaniard's three at the eighth.

Ballesteros, putting like a machine for most of the time, suffered two lapses from no more than six feet coming home, but he answered each with a birdie, either at the next hole or the one after.

But Price would not let his man go. He played a brilliant



How the fortunes of the leaders fluctuated in the final round at Lytham yesterday. The chart shows that Ballesteros, five under par at the start, went in front of Price for the first time with his birdie four at the 11th. Coupland and Romero made appearances on the leader board, while Lyle faded from it at the 12th and 17th.

second to six inches at the 13th and, if the 14th cost him a five, it is a hole that has played more like a five than a four all week and Ballesteros, too, had had to settle for one over.

By now the cries of "Come on Nick, come on Nick" were swamped by those urging the Spaniard to still greater deeds.

Even earlier, when it might have applied to both Nicks, the score had been about three to one in favour of the charismatic man from Spain. Ballesteros's armadas of supporters were kept on edge at the 18th as he only just carried a fairway bunker and then missed the green with his second. But his mastery short

game, controlled by an iron nerve, was proof against any disaster, and his chip rolled slowly round the rim of the hole. Short of an outrageous putt by Price he was now home and he punched the air in jubilation. A few minutes later he held his arms aloft in triumph and blew a kiss to the crowd.

FOURTH ROUND SCORES AT ROYAL LYTHAM

Table of fourth round scores at Royal Lytham, listing player names and scores.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Launch for festival

Denis Thatcher, a director of Halfords, launched the Superprix F3000 race to be held round Birmingham city centre for the third time on August 28 and 29, by appearing in a bright red racing car at the Victoria Embankment Gardens yesterday.

Softer line

Seoul (Reuters) - North Korea, in an apparent softening of policy, accepted an invitation from South Korea's national assembly to attend the Seoul Olympics - the first communication since Roh Tae-woo assumed the presidency here in February.

Spain again

Brussels (Reuters) - Arantxa Sanchez of Spain, defeated Raffaella Reggi of Italy 6-0, 7-5 yesterday to win the Belgian women's tennis championship and claim her first tournament victory.

Strong entry

Ian Woosnam will lead the chase for a record £20,000 prize fund in the Welsh professional golf championship at Cardiff on September 12 and 13. The 36-hole event, sponsored by Casey, the plastics company, carries a first prize of £5,000. Philip Parkin, David Llewellyn and Craig Defoy are also expected to compete.

Pakistan post

Karachi (Reuters) - Khalid Mahmood has been appointed manager for Pakistan's defence of the men's hockey title for the Seoul Olympics.

Scare for seed

The Carlsberg British Croquet Open at Hurlingham came close to its first major upset yesterday as Steve Mulliner, the top seed, and last year's runner-up, only just defeated Dayal Gunasekera 2-1. Mulliner scrambled to victory by only three points as all the other seeds went safely through.

Lewis pursuit

Indianapolis (AP) - Carl Lewis, chasing four Olympic medals for the second consecutive Games, continued his relentless pursuit toward that goal by winning his opening 200 metre heat at the United States Olympic trials yesterday in 20.32sec.

Rainier award

Lausanne (Reuters) - Prince Rainier of Monaco received the Olympic Order in gold at the headquarters of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) yesterday from Juan Antonio Samaranch, the president. The IOC's highest decoration honours Prince Rainier for his contribution towards promoting sport and the Olympic movement.

Expensive day for Cowdrey

Chris Cowdrey, the England cricket captain, was hit for 66 runs off 42 overs in front of the national side's manager, Micky Stewart, in the championship match between Kent and Surrey at Guildford yesterday.

Backings up

Chorley Borough, the rugby league club, formerly known as Blackpool Borough, and then Springfield, are to field a professional reserve squad, known as Trafford Borough.

END COLUMN

Food for thought from the doctor

By John Goodbody

Dieting is a fad of the 1980s. Books on nutrition regularly figure on best-seller lists and the latest diet is sometimes regarded as the panacea for all health problems.

But nutrition for the sportsman or woman has been less well catered for. It has largely consisted of advice from unqualified coaches or empirical evidence gained by the individual competitor. Traditional beliefs whisper slowly.

Dr Steve Wootton, the author of a book published yesterday, knows that many competitors, from the Olympics down to what he terms "the weekend gladiators," are not fulfilling their potential by failing to observe some basic rules of nutrition.

"Diet, in a close competition, can be the difference between winning and losing," he says. "Some competitors in Seoul will have trained specifically for an Olympic final for years. But this can all be thrown away in two days of bad preparation in Korea."

Regular nibbling at food is good

Dr Wootton, who lectures in nutrition at Southampton University, says that far too few competitors are getting the right advice. In sports which last several hours it is important that the competitors sip fluid, which is commonly accepted by nutrition runners. What is not so common is the practice of nibbling regularly at small quantities of food.

He says that even golfers, playing yesterday in the final round of the Open, could have benefited from eating the occasional snack between holes because this would help prevent tiredness and also aid concentration.

In more physically demanding sports it is even more crucial. "Cyclists in the Tour de France take bags of food to consume during the day's riding. They take easily digestible food like rice pudding. If they did not do this they would no longer be able to sustain the necessary rate of work."

"Did you see Stefan Edberg during the Wimbledon final? He was eating bananas, nature's snack of simple sugars and complex carbohydrates. He was quite right to do so."

Not only is it important to nibble during a long competition. It is also vital to have something immediately after training. First there should be fluids - "not beer - water is really the best" - and then the athlete should consume food while he is changing.

The muscles, Dr Wootton says, are crying out to be refuelled. They will more quickly recover if a little food, like a meal bar or sandwich, is eaten. In a competition the individual must arrange this for himself or herself and not expect to be organized to lay everything on.

One day off vital even for the elite

It is also important for even the elite competitor to have one day off a week from heavy training. The body must be allowed to recover. A long session of flexibility or some skill training would be suitable for many athletes on this day off.

Dr Wootton is profoundly suspicious of many of the claims of commercial food supplements. He believes many are a waste of money if an adequate all-round diet is followed. But he accepts that a multi-vitamin pill can be an "insurance policy" for a competitor, especially if he is dieting carefully to make a weight category or if he is a jockey, needing to reach a particular body weight often 300 times a year.

Dr Wootton believes there is no perfect vitamin pill on the market which "goes across the board." One leading brand even has 16 times the recommended human daily need of 36 Pyridoxin, which is involved in the formation of red blood cells.

A pregnant woman is recommended to have a 30 to 50 per cent increase in the consumption of many vitamins compared to the ordinary person. But four to five times the recommended amount is not necessary. And, Dr Wootton says, "the physiological demands of pregnancy are probably greater than those of any top-class competitor in training."

Nutrition For Sport, by Dr Steve Wootton (Simon and Schuster, £9.95).